## Repackaging Bob Dole: **Courage or Convictions?**

By Katharine Q. Seelye New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - What catches the eye in Boh Dole's otherwise generic presidential campaign headquarters here is a huge hlack-and-white photograph of the candidate as a fresh-faced GI, his visored dress hat set at a jaunty 1940s "can-do"

angle.
At first, the picture seems a throwback to an era that the campaign might prefer to ignore, a reminder that Senator Dole, whom Kansans have been sending to Washington since 1961, is old enough at 72 to be

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the father of some of his rivals, and that his campaign is the last presidential outing for the World War II generation.

But in the idealized world of campaign packaging, as the Dole team tries to find a new way to present a man all top familiar after three national campaigns, the Bob Dole in this half-century-old portrait is precisely the one the campaign wants to project - energetic and indestructible, his character and determination already forged by the poverty of his youth and about to be burnished again through years of rehabilitation after nearly dying on a bat-

Mr. Dole's gripping life story will form the heart

of his campaign. The youthful soldier he once was will be portrayed, not as a relic, but as the foundation of the man who has led the Republicans in the Senate for almost 11 years, longer than anyone else. He will be depicted as a decisive, experienced man of action

who, as he often says, can get things done.

The image is meant to contrast sharply with that of the baby boomer in the White House, who was not born until 1946, a year after Mr. Dole had earned two Bronze Stars, and who skirted service in his own neration's war. The message will be, as Mr. Dole

likes to put it, "It's time for adult leadership."
But before the campaign can play out these broad themes against President Bill Clinton, one hurdle remains: getting the nomination.

By almost any measure, Mr. Dole is far and away the leading Republican. In the year since the campaign began to take shape behind the scenes, none of his challengers have shown any serious traction against him. With more than \$24 million in the till, 20 of the nation's 31 Republican governors working their states for him and a deeper organization than he fielded in his two prior, and failed, efforts for the nomination, his candidacy carries an enviable aura of inevitability.

"We're in cootrol of our own fate," said William B. Lacy, deputy campaign manager. "Short of some huge external force, which I can't even conceive of, coming into play, if we run the tight kind of campaign in the next several weeks, we will be the

Still, the campaign is mindful that not a single vote has been cast, and that Mr. Dole did run into trouble before, losing in the early primaries in 1980 to Ronald Reagan and in 1988 to George Bush. Ap-

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Necmettin Erbakan, leader of the victorious pro-Islamic Welfare Party, in Ankara on Tuesday.

## **Turk Parties Hold Talks to Bar Islamists** From Power

Ciller and Opposition Agree to Hammer Out A Coalition With Left

ANKARA — Pro-Western politicians closed ranks on Tuesday in a bid to prevent the Islamist Welfare Party from coming to power after it narrowly won general elec-tions during the weekend. Prime Minister Tansu Ciller and her

rival conservative leader, Mesut Yilmaz, agreed to work for a coalition supported by eftists to block the Welfare Party.

"I have said we would welcome a coalition with ANAP, and I repeat that," Mrs. Cilier said, referring to the Motherland

Party.
"Our aim is to go towards a wide-based
icint news congovernment," she told a joint news con-ference after meeting Mr. Yilmaz, the Motherland Party leader.

Shares on Istanbul's stock exchange surged by an average 5.33 percent on the news that Mrs. Ciller and Mr. Yilmaz were

The anti-Western Islamists won just over 21 percent of Sunday's votes but do not have enough seats to govern alone. The Motherland Party and Mrs. Ciller's rightist True Path Party won almost 40 percent of

the vote between them.

The Welfare Party's victory was the first at a general election by an Islamist party in Turkey's 72 years as a secular republic. The party has ridden a wave of discontent at Mrs. Ciller's tough economic austenty

Turkish business leaders and the press have long called for a conservative coalition to deal with such economic ills as 80 percent annual inflation and a stumbling privatization plan. Mr. Yilmaz said he

hoped an alliance could be forged in the coming days. Conservative unity has failed in the past because of the intense personal rivalry between Mrs. Ciller and Mr. Yilmaz. An attempt to ally their two parties in September ended when Mr. Yilmaz stormed out of a meeting with the prime minister, ac-

cusing her of disrespect.

The veteran Welfare Party leader Necmettin Erbakan, a fiery public speaker, toned down his anti-establishment rhetoric

We can form a coalition government with any of the other parties, 'he said at a news conference. 'Coalition means com-

on Tuesday

Mr. Erbakan said he had a coalition offer

that could not be refused. "No normal person can reject our offer," he said. He did not elaborate. "Our nation is waiting for service," Mr. Erbakan

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## U.S. Forces Are Asked to Extend Role To Sarajevo

By Rick Atkinson

TUZLA, Bosnia-Herzegovina — The U.S. Army has been asked to help protect Sarajevo from artillery and mortar fire, a significant extension of responsibility beyoud the northeast sector of Bosnia that had been the focus of the U.S. peacekeeping mission here, according to military

The request to the army from Lieutenant General Michael Walker, the British commander of North Atlantic Treaty Organization ground forces in Bosnia, has touched off a debate over whether U.S. troops will be sucked into a broader role in the Bosnian capital and whether the new mission will take needed forces away from northeast Bosmia.

"If everybody complies with the peace agreement, then we'll have more than enough forces here," one U.S. commander said. "But you can't assume that."

The issue in Sarajevo involves counterfire radar systems, which are critical in pinpointing the source of incoming artillery rounds. During the Gulf War, such radars permitted the army to detect an Iraqi shell shortly after it left a gun muzzle, calculate the gun's location and retaliate massively even before the Iraqis could unleash a second round.

Sarajevn, the site of General Walker's headquarters, is currently protected by seven radars that should allow commanders to strike back quickly with their own artillery, attack helicopters or fighter planes, according to military sources.

But five of those sets, belonging to British and Dutch forces, will be shifted to northwest Bosnia to provide an electronic

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## Tokyo Plans to 'Fundamentally Change' Financial Policy

By Sheryl WuDunn New York Times Service

TOKYO - The Ministry of Finance annunced sweeping changes Tuesday in the way it manages the country's banks, in hopes of ending a series of financial dis-scandal on Aug. 8, but never told American asters that have harmed the nation's image around the world.

market, forcing them in attrive or fail by to his superiors, market discipline, officials said.

The announcement comes as the stock market is rising to new beights for the year, and the measures appear aimed at riding that crest of goodwill.

It also follows widespread criticism of Japanese officials' failure to promptly disclose late this summer more than a billion dollars in trading losses by Daiwa Bank's bond trading unit in New York, Ministry of Finance officials were informed of the regulators. Daiwa did not tell U.S. authorities until late September, nearly two months after Toshihide Iguchi, the trader The measures are designed to thrust months after Toshihide Iguchi, the trader Japan's banks into the real world of the who allegedly caused the losses, confessed

"It is necessary for Japan to make a drastic shift in its financial policy," said Finance Minister Masayoshi Takemura. "The package will fundamentally change Japan's financial policy."

regulatory shortcomings by a top government official, Mr. Takemura said Tuesday that Japan's financial authorities needed to shed their conventional style of operating. He said they should "reflect on the failure" of financial supervision during the

'bubble' years of the 1980s.
During that time, banks piled up mountains of bad lnans, most of them in real estate, more than \$400 billion of which have gone sour since the collapse of the speculative hubble a few years ago.

We should regard this as a sea change in the Ministry of Finance's approach to things," said Paul Heaton, an analyst at Deutsch Bank Capital Markets.

'They're saying to themselves: We are funds in mopping up a portion of the bank-plaining silly at the end of 1995, so we ing system's bad loans because it failed to looking silly at the end of 1995, so we better find out what really is going on at the

The Ministry of Finance has said before that it would increase supervision, and some of the new measures, which apply to all deposit-taking financial institutions, appeared to be embellishments of steps previously announced.

Paradoxically, the Finance Ministry has lost so much credibility because of its failure to prevent banking catastrophes that it may be difficult for it to entirely impose

In recent weeks, for example, the ministry has had to turn to the use of public

force certain financial institutions to inrease their contributions to the effort.

Nonetheless, the measures announced Tuesday were also an attempt to improve the "transparency" in a banking system that many foreign bankers view as opaque. Rules are not explicit and directives on major policies are not always disclosed to the public.

[Some analysts said the moves did not go far enough. "It's a good first step but a little one," Shinano Morita, an associate director 1 Standard & Poor's Corp., told Bloomberg

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## Unscathed, Korean Leader Manages a Skeptical Public

By Kevin Sullivan

Washington Post Service SEOUL - His motives have been questioned and his truthfulness has been scoffed at, but President Kim Young Sam appears to he emerging from the most scandalous days in modern South Korean history with barely a hair nut of place.

'Most Koreans don't believe what Kim Young Sam says, but apart from that, what he is dning for the cnuntry is very pos-itive," said Kim Sung Hee, a 39-year-old trading company manager, scurrying through a busy Seoul suhway station. Her qualified support for Mr. Kim re-

flects the feelings of many South Knreans. There is widespread skepticism about Mr. Kim's claims that he never henefited from the illegal \$650 million slush fund raised by his predecessor. Roh Tae Won, who is now in jail facing curruption charges.

But there is a deep feeling here that Mr. Kim is performing a necessary national cleansing by pursuing the prosecutinn of Mr. Roh and of former President Chun Doo Hwan on corruption charges, as well as for their alleged roles in a December 1979

coup and May 1980 massacre of pro-democracy protesters in Kwangju.
"I have always felt that somebody must

do this sometime," said Park Kwon Sang, a columnist whn was editor of the Dong-A libo, one of the country's leading newspapers, at the time of the Kwangju mas-

icre. "He is doing the right thing."
The mix of feelings about Mr. Kim, as he finishes the third year of a five-year term, is amhivalent and often contradictory. Many people here say they dislike him, but they seem to be able to separate their feelings about the man from their opinions about his performance as president.

A poil of 1,000 South Koreans in the influential Chosun Ilbo last week showed that 58.5 percent of those interviewed thought Mr. Kim was doing a good job. That number is significantly better for Mr. Kim than it was a few months agn, before the scandals broke in October. In local elections in June, Mr. Kim's governing party was trounced in what many viewed as a slap at the president, particularly over his policy of more engagement toward North

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FREE — One of five South Korean fishermen released by the North being reunited Tuesday with his mother. Page 4.

## Drift Elsewhere, Cities Tell Homeless

By Sue Anne Pressley

AUSTIN, Texas - Every night, the residents retire, hundreds of them disappearing into the alleys and abandoned buildings, into tents tucked deep in the woodlands or small encampments scattered along the creeks and rivers.

They are this city's homeless, and their oumbers always swell this time of year, when snow begins to fall in the north, and

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Austin's 75-degree December afternoons debated how to address their needs while seem particularly inviting to the adventurous or the threadbare.

But here and in more than 40 cities across the nation, the homeless are receiving a grim message this winter as they face a determined push of oew proposals as a forced response to an increasing and lives. ever bolder homeless population, critics see the movement as proof of something more aminous: the growing hard-heartedness of America.

'It is an increasing trend in cities around the country to pass laws that essentially criminalize homelessness," said Maria tinnal Law Center on Homelessness and

Poverty in Washington. '1 think, at best, it reflects frustration on the part of local politicians and, at worst, an effort in hiame the urban ills on homeless people," she said.

This is hardly a new problem. On any given night, Ms. Fascarinis and other advocates for the homeless said, there are been proposed, designed to control the about 700,000 homeless people in the United States, and local officials have long

property owners.

What is notable now is the forcefulness with which these communities are attacking the problem. The crackdown comes, homeless advocates assert, as hudget cuts and laws aimed at banishing them from the on every level also are shrinking the subvery places they seek out the most. Al-though proponents describe the measures meant to help the homeless restore their

Even more striking is that many of the cities in the vanguard of the get-tough approach are among the country's most liberal. Here, the City Council is ocaring final approval of a law to ban camping in any public place — a shortsighted step, criminalize homelessness," said Maria critics say, in a city generally viewed as the Foscarinis, executive director of the Na-state's bastion of liberal sympathies.

In Boston, policemen recently began to crack down on the after-dark denizens of Boston Common. In Seattle, city officials have ordered a vigorous enforcement of its sidewalk and trespass laws, making it difficult, critics say, for the homeless even to sit down anymore in the downtown area. In New Orleans, an anti-camping law has just

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#### AGENDA

#### **Moscow VIP Lounge Seizure Foiled** MOSCOW (Reuters) - Russian air-The agency said VIP Services had been

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port police intervened Tuesday to prevent a group of businessmen from taking control of the VIP lounge at Moscow's main international airport, the Itar-Tass press agency said. Anatoli Koryakin, director of Shereme-

had shown up in the lounge with a bailiff and police. Some in the group were armed with Kalashnikov automatic rifles. "Thanks to the intervention of airport security officers, order was restored and work on receiving official delegations continued," Mr. Koryakin said.

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created by a former airport boss, but it

was not immediately clear what property

was at stake in the dispute. Airport of-

ficials were not available for comment.

Ownership disputes are common in Russia, where free market reforms have

dismantled former Soviet monopolies

and rival businesses vie for control.

Israelis Ask: Why Give Up the Golan?

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## In the Golan, Israelis Wonder: 'Why Give It Up?'

By Serge Schmemann

HERMON, Golan - There has not been much snow so far this year, certainly oot enough to ski, but the slopes and the lifts of Mount Hermon were full over the Hanukkah break.

We try to get up here as often as possible 'oow," explained a woman with a distinctly American accent, chatting with soldiers on reserve duty at a mountain checkpoint while her children pelted each other with snowballs. "You never know when it might be the last

She had no need to elaborate. Among the visitors, soldiers and residents of the Heights, the sudden and intensive initiative launched by Prime Minister Shimon Peres to make peace with Syria means only one thing: that after 28 years, the Golan Heights may no longer be theirs.

"Of course, we all want peace," the wom-an continued, "but it's hard to imagine cot having the Golan." The cluster of soldiers and

visitors nodded sympathetically.

Beyond the checkpoint, two peaks bristled with huge military antennas, dishes and other high-tech listening gear focused on Syria, which stretched out in the haze below.

On a clear night, a pony-tailed reservist said, you can see the lights of Damascus only 40 miles (70 kilometers) away — as well as Lebanese smugglers winding their way down below the mountain,

Those antennas and the strategic view are the main reason Israel has been sitting firm atop the Golan Heights since it seized the region in the 1967 Arab-Israeli war. It is an article of faith among Israelis that the Heights are fundamental to Israel's security.

As loog as the Syrians held the Heights. they constantly shelled the Israeli settlements below, and their tanks stood poised to slice into northern Israel.

But apart from security, to the families frolicking in the snow and to the million or so other Israelis who come to the Golan every year to hike or ski or just relax, it simply seems sad to cootemplate giving up so nice a chunk

With an area about the size of Rhode Island, this is Israel's little piece of Europe, with waterfalls, alpine gorges, apple orchards, placid dairy farms and, of course, the only ski slopes in the region. It is also the source of almost a third of Israel's water and, oot unimportantly, some very pleasant wines.

It is also arguably one of the safest corners of the country, without a single rocket attack or terrorist bomb on record since 1974 and with virtually no crime.

Unlike the Jewish settlers in the West Bank, who rarely venture out of their fortified settlements without a pistol or an assault rifle, the 14,000 people who live up here do oot even

lock their doors at night.

"So why give it up?" asked a soldier. It was a rhetorical question, and nobody ventured an

OR Mr. Peres, the answer is simply that the Golan is the price of a final and comprehensive peace. Though Golan residents and opposition politicians have argued that Israel could make peace with Syria without ceding all of the Heights, or that Israel could code sovereignty and then lease back the land, most Israelis accept that the choice is between keeping the Heights and concluding a final and comprehensive set-

tlement with the Arabs. Mr. Peres, for ooe, has made his choice. In

his very first speech to parliament after the assassination of his predecessor, Yitzhak Rabin, he challenged President Hafez Assad of Syria to seize "the historic opportunity to bring a comprehensive peace to the whole

The week before last, Mr. Assad agreed through U.S. mediators to opeo exploratory talks Wednesday outside Washington.

"When we heard the speech, all the alarms went off," confessed Eli Malka, the chairman of the Golan Residents Committee, which represents the 32 settlements oo the Golan, at his office in Katzrin, a clean town of 5,000 in the center of the Heights that serves as its administrative center.

A big sign on Mr. Malka's wall reads, "My Israel Includes the Golan," and next to it is a hlack-rimmed photograph of Mr. Rabin, whose Labor Party won a large majority of the Golan's votes in 1992 after he assured residents that "it is inconceivable that we withdraw from the Golan Heights, even in

Until Mr. Rabin's assassination, Mr. Malka said the Golan residents were content that talks with Syrla were stalled for a long time. Now, he said, the residents are gearing up

for a three-front struggle.

The first is in Parliament, where they are trying to find the single vote that would overturn Labor's slim majority.
The secood is public relations, which will

start soon with an onslaught of movies, advertisements and public debates. Mr. Malka's office already displays an impressive array of posters and pamphlets, including one in various languages and colors showing

trolled Golan pointing to the Israeli port of Haifa, only 36 miles away. The third track is within the Golan, to keep people from turning desperate," Mr. Malka said. "The population has been going through a crisis for the past three years, and we have to keep up the morale, to continue building and working." "Most people in the Golan voted

big red arrows from a Syrian-coo-

for Labor, which is oow proposing to destroy what they worked for their whole life," Mr. Malka added. 'Some people have been here 25, 30 years. They huilt a life here with the consensus of all governments. Now it's up and down; it's a very tense simatioo. We feel we're refugees in our own country. How can we explain to our children that this is peace if so much has to be destroyed?"

HE talk sounded familiar, echoing the hitterness of Jewish settlers in the West Bank over agreements granting Palestinians self-rule. But Golan residents reseot any such comparison — they view themselves in an entirely different light, and most Israelis would agree.

Many of the Israelis who settled

the West Bank did so as an ideological or religious claim to what they regarded as the hihlical heritage of the Jews and they oever went beyond building bedroom communi-

Golan settlers were generally Israelis of the original Zionist mold who went to the Heights in response to a call for people to work the land, and they developed some of the best farms in Israel. Though some do make historic claims to the land, most have oot displayed the ideological fervor of West Bank settlers.



Settlers frolicking on Mount Hermon and, below, Israeli soldiers taking a break from tank exercises in the Golan. The strategic heights are key to peace with Syria.



Since the 40,000 Syrian residents fled the Golan Heights in 1967, the Israelis there have oot had to rule over hostile Arabs. The 16,000 Druze who live in villages on the slopes of Mount Hermon have never posed a political or

social problem to the Israelis. As a result, while the West Bank has always been under military administration, the Golan has been administered since 1981 as a normal part of Israel. Bot the Golan people are no

longer so sure whose side they are on.
"You must understand we've been living

for several years not knowing what next," said Drora Shenk in her office at the Merom Golan kibbutz, the first formed in the Golan after the 1967 war.

"I have four children," she said. "My mother lives here. All my friends are here. We have invested so much work and money and vision to make a home that everybody will really love."

Israelis have always known that at some point they will have to decide between the security and beauty of the Golan and the peace that they have so ardently sought. And peace would mean that the settlers would have to go, leaving behind the prosperous orchards and farms that they proudly built over 28

So would Mr. Malka

move?
"It depends how it was decided," he said. "If there's a referendum and people made the decision, we'll accept the, decision. If there's no referendum, no election, and just a hurried vote in the Knesset,

then we woo't accept. In that case there will be a struggle." He added, "But in either case, I'd prefer to stay here."

#### **COMING UP**

Like Chile, Argentina and other Latin American countries, Honduras has discovered how difficult and dangerous it can be to come to grips with the statesponsored violence of its recent past.

## Russians Ask U.S. For New Mir Deal

## Space Partnership Shaken By Cost Squeeze in Moscow

By Kathy Sawyer

WASHINGTON - After a year of successes in orbit, the U.S.-Russian space partnership faces another test on the ground.

Two years after Russia became a partner in the U.S.-led project to build an international space station in orbit, Russian space officials, like other partners before them want to change the terms. Citing po-litical and economic difficulties at home, the Russians told NASA that, as one U.S. expert translated it, "They've bitten off more than they can chew." That is the bad news. The

good news, as space officials see it, is the reason for the Russians' dilemma: The Russian space agency has determined that its existing space station, Mir, can be used for scientific research for several years longer than anticipated - and presumably would be available

to Russia's new partners.
But the Russians say they
cannot afford to maintain Mir while also helping a dozen other countries build a whole new

The solution the Russians suggested is a nonstarter, according to U.S. officials. The Russians have proposed for weeks, in the trade press, that instead of shutting down their own 10-year-old space station, Mir. in early 1998 as planned, NASA should make it a hub of the new international facility during the first few years of its construction in orbit.

U.S. space officials, under a mandate from Congress, have emphasized repeatedly since 1992 that they will not change the plan for the international space station — known as Al-pha — especially not now that the project is enjoying the first sustained period of political and technical stability in its decadelong history.

"That'a the one nounego-tiable item." the NASA administrator, Daniel S. Goldin, said in an interview. "You start taking 14 countries, probably, 100, antil it outlives its usefulness or companies? and breaking the late 1990s or even as late a agreed-on technical arrange 2002, he added, ments "and that's how the In addition; he said the U.S. space station got into trouble in plan would ease Russia's "un-the first place." believable logistics problem"

that will enable the Russians to facility. For example, the operate Mir as a national trea- configured arrangement might sure" without interfering with require only one launch per the building of Alpha. The U.S. share of the space

station is budgeted at no more an \$2.1 billion a year. body's happy," Mr. Goldin
"We're oot rattling our said — if the Russians approve, than \$2.1 billion a year. swords." Mr. Goldin added. and if it works out.

"As long as they deal the cards off the top of the deck, and there's no hidden agenda we'll work with them."

He said the results from Mir during the past year of joint orbital activities had been "stunning" in research data that will help astronauts build a new facility in space and in pure scientific research. He would like it to remain available to U.S. researchers.

The two sides confronted each other and the issue in Houston. The Russian delegation, led by Boris Ostroumov, deputy director-general for pi-loted space flight, discussed the Russians' 60-page proposal with the Americans in mid-December meetings at Johnson Space Center there.

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While agreeing to consider the Russian proposal, the U.S. team countered with a plan that would reduce Russia's cost and logistical burdens in the late 1990s, while Mir is still functioning and the new facility is being built, officials said. "We owe it to them as good

partners, if we reject their proposals, to lay an option on the table that they might find acceptable, said Wilbar C. Trafton, NASA's deputy assostation. He and the space station Brinkley, were the senior U.S. officials at the meetings.

The U.S. proposal — still in a preliminary stage, without cost analysis — is for the Russians to delay delivery of all their commitations except for those elements that are critical to the completion of the new space station, Mr. Goldin said: "If they will just deliver

those on schedule, we can contime to build the space station, no problem, "he said. And instead of building new laboratory modules for the new

facility he added the Russians could decide to shift two of the most modern lab segments from Mir when the time comes. "This saves them a band of cash," Mr. Goldin said. "And

their science gets done on Mir"

Instead, he said, NASA "has of having to supply launch ser-tried to come up with a solution vices for both Mir and the new year of the Russian Soyuzcrew return vehicle, instead of four. "It's win, win, win Every-

## 119 Die in South Africa Flash Flood; **Shantytown Toll Seen Rising Sharply**

PIETERMARITZBURG. South Africa - The bodies of 119 people swept away from their shantytown in a flash flood on Christmas Day had hy late Tuesday been pulled from the swollen Umsindusi River here, the police said.

A police spokesman said relatives of missing people were helping police and army troops scour the muddied riverbanks, and the death toll was expected to climb far higher. Police divers were plumbing

the river for corpses, and a police helicopter was assisting in the search, he added. The mortuaries are full of

the spokesman said. "And we're still picking up of the victims had drowned he added.

KwaZulu-Natal provincial authorities, meanwhile, declared Pietermaritzburg, the provincial capital, a disaster four bodies. But we are still area Tuesday.

1,000 people were left homeless by the flash flood, which swept through Edendale, a kilometers from here, late on Christmas Day. The rescuers said adverse

weather conditions were hampering efforts to get hlankets said she had lost her husband and food to those affected hy the flood before nightfall. Security forces evacuated

people whose homes were under water. Some were plucked from their rooftops by helicopters. He said the flood had caused a lot of damage in the Edendale

valley, through which the nor-mally placid Umsindusi flows. Victims had taken refuge at police stations and community

Enock Nhlangulela said he had lost nine relatives. "So far we have recovered

missing five relatives, includ-Rescuers said more than ing my three-week old sister." I was lucky," he added.

"because I went to visit friends when the heavy rains came. crowded black township 10 When I returned I found everyone and everything inside the house had been washed

Pendukile Masikane, 50, and a daughter. 'The water came inside and

washed everything away in-cluding my husband and my child. I managed to make it to safety, but I have lost everything, even my house was swept

experienced in his lifetime. Many shacks were washed

away. Residents were being assisted to build makeshift (AFP, Reuters)

#### Liberian Refugees Head Home as **Border Reopens**

The Associated Press GANTA, Liberia - About

20,000 Liberians living in refugee camps in southern Guinea have begun heading home after a yearlong closure of the border was lifted. The border between the two

West African countries was closed last year by the rebel leader Charles Taylor to prevent rival rebels from gaining round toward his central Liberia stronghold.

The border closure at Ganta, a town that straddles the major crossing point from southern Guinea into north-central Liberia, was lifted on Christmas Eve.

Russel Ndlovu, who has lived in the area for 30 years, said the floods were the worst array of the 350,000 refugees in any of the 350,000 refugees in Ivory Coast, tried to get home to celebrate Christmas.

A cease-fire in the six-year Liberian civil war took effect in

## Snow and Rain Sweep North Europe

LONDON (Reuters) - Snow-laden Arctic winds swept across northern Europe, leaving thousands without power in Scotland on Tuesday and one man dead and nine missing when a Russian trawler sank off Norway.

Denmark had its first white Christmas in 14 years. In Britain, about 3,000 homes in the Shetland Islands, the Western Isles and the Scottish mainland were without power after some of the worst blizzards in memory over the weekend. In eastern France, heavy rain caused the Doubs and Loue rivers to burst their banks on Monday, flooding the town of Besançon and surrounding villages. The floodwaters began receding Tuesday.

#### Marseille Transit Strike Prolonged

MARSEILLE (AP) — Striking bus and subway drivers, rare holdouts in a nationwide strike that crippled France, voted Tuesday to continue their three-week walkout in Marseille.

The strike has paralyzed all public transport in the southern port city. The transit workers want the salaries of 300 colleagues hired since 1993 raised to levels more in line with those hired earlier.

A cold wave enveloped moch of Japan with snow Tuesday, with delayed or canceled trains affecting more than 450,000 people. Vehicles were backed up on some highways for 60 kilometers (36 miles) as snowfall slowed down traffic, the Japan Traffic Information Center said. But no deaths were reported from

Commuters in the Chinese capital will pay up to five times

more to ride buses and subways beginning Jan. 1, the Xinhua News Agency reported Tuesday. Fares on Beijing bases will be set at 0.50 yuan (6 cents). Subway fares will go up from the current 0.50 yuan (6 cents) to 2 yuan (about 25 cents). The prices of monthly subway and bus passes will double.

More than 38.32 million tourists visited China in the first 10

months of this year, and the number is expected to rise in 1996 because of the easing of visa restrictions, officials said on Tues-

Dhaka commuters faced another day of upheaval Tuesday as taxi drivers extended their protest strike against the police seizure of fake driving licenses.

#### Correction

TRAVEL UPDATE

A front-page article in Tuesday's editions on peace talks between Israel and Syria misidentified the writer. It was writen by John Lancaster of The Washington Post.

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## Costa Rican's Arrest Lifts Veil on Growing Smuggling of Illegal Aliens

By William Branigin Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — Authorities in Latin America, acting on information provided by the United States, have broken up a major smuggling operation that used a sophisticated network and extensive bribery to funnel thousands of Asians and Latin Americans to the United States through Central America, U.S. officials said.

The arrest this month of Gloria Canales. a 40-year-old Costa Rican woman originally from Peru, is regarded by administration officials as a victory in the fight against international crime and a sign that trafficking in illegal immigrants is causing increased concern among Latin American

grown from relatively small-scale forays across the U.S.-Mexican border by guides for this smuggling in recent years because known as "coyotes" into multimillion of its proximity to the United States, govdollar businesses spanning numerous

Among those smuggled by Ms. Canales's organization have been thou-sands of Chinese and Indians who first made their way to Latin America, American officials said.

They said Ms. Canales was believed to have smuggled at least 10,000 people a year, charging up to \$6,000 a head for the Indians and Chinese. Most of those smuggled came from Latin American countries. the officials said.

The ring headed by Ms. Canales was part of a global maze of alien-trafficking netgovernments.

The case also illustrates how the smuggling of people into the United States has

works that have sought to penetrate the United States by land, sea and air. According to U.S. intelligence reports, Cenwas arrested earlier this month in Ecuador

ernmental corruption and lack of laws against the practice.

An interagency working group on alien trafficking estimates that in addition to the Latin Americans who are smuggled zation has been blamed for the deaths of at through Central America, "some 100,000 least 10 people during the sometimes hazaliens from outside the region" pass ardous journey through Central America to through one or more Central American the U.S.-Mexican border. Among the viccountries annually on their way to the United States.

In the last year, the working group reported, "the immigration directors in Panama, Belize and Guatemala were fired for accepting bribes from alien smugglers."

Ms. Canales, who first came to the at-

charges of smuggling, bribery, falsification of documents and homicide. She faces up to 30 years in prison if convicted.

According to American officials famil-iar with the case, Ms. Canales's organileast 10 people during the sometimes haz-ardous journey through Central America to the U.S.-Mexican border. Among the vic-tims were three Indians who reportedly drowned in the Gulf of Fonseca between Honduras and El Salvador last summer,

Honduras, which American investigators say was formerly used by Ms. Canales as a smuggling way station, also has been wracked by bribery and corruption scan-

ernment of President Carlos Rema appears determined to crack down.

Honduras is the only Central American crime. For that reason, American officials helped persuade Ecuador to arrest Ms. Canales and deport her to Honduras.

"This whole effort is a direct outgrowth of President Clinton's war on transnational criminals," said Peter Romero, U.S. ambassador to Ecuador. He said the administration was orging other countries in the region to adopt similar laws against the smuggling of humans.

The arrest of Ms. Canales exposed a web region, U.S. officials said. In a raid last dals related to the smuggling. Two senior weekend on a mansion she owns in Costa them up in hotels ber immigration officials and a former foreign Rica, the sources said, Costa Rican aunorth, the sources said.

minister have been arrested on charges of involvement in the trafficking, and the govious governments, including military and

immigration officers.
"I'm sure there will be some heads country in which smuggling of humans is a rolling," an American official said. He said the records included the names of contacts in the United States, although it was not yet known whether any American

officials were on Ms. Canales's payroll. Ms. Canales's people-smuggling network included "covotes," airline officials and hotel owners from Peru to Mexico, as well as contacts in India and China, investigators said.

The Indians and Chinese ofteo would fly in to the Ecuadoran capital, Quito, or the of corruption stretching across the entire industrial center and port city of Guayaquil, where Ms. Canales would put . weekend on a mansion she owns in Costa them up in hotels before sending them

## For Peruvians, Fizzy Yellow Drink Is the Real Thing

By Calvin Sims
New York Times Service

LIMA - On a recent AeroPeru flight from Buenos Aires to Lima, a Peruvian passenger became snippy when a flight attendant told him that the airline had run out of Inca Kola but thatthere was plenty of Coca-Cola and

"Drink something other than Inca
Kola — that's sacrilege you are auggesting." Jaime Ramirez said jokingly.
"That's like an Argentine eating beef
from Bolivia, or a Brazilian wearing
Bermuda shorts to the beach."

But with his thirst getting the best of him, Mr. Ramirez settled for "the next best thing" — a Sprite. "You got any yellow food coloring to go with that?"

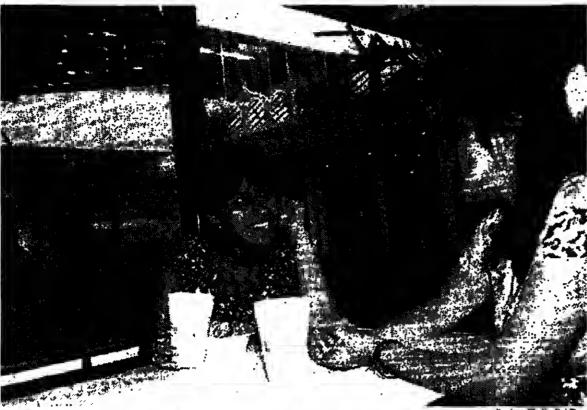
Russia has its vodka, Germany has its beer, France has its wine, but Peru, well, it has Inca Kola — a fruity, greenish-yellow carbonated drink that many Peruvians savor almost as much as the British enjoy their afternoon tea.

Across this Andean country of 22 million people, from wealthy suburbs to shantytowns, fine French bistros to and marinated), aji de gallina (shredded of all backgrounds imbibe this sweet yellow soda almost as if it were their

In 1994, Peruvians drank 115 million liters of Inca Kola, and they are expected to consume 125 million liters (33 million gallons) by the end of 1995, making Inca Kola as popular in Peru as

perhaps even a national treasure.

Many Peruvians believe that Inca Kola's blend of indigenous fruits country's rich cuisine, which dates pany, because of what it signifies.



Does Chinese food in Lima go better with Inca Kola? The drink has been likened to "liquid bubble gum."

back to the ancient Inca cultures and has influences of Spanish, African, Chinese, Italian, Japanese and European immigrants.

Inca Kola is most often consumed with ceviche (raw fish cut into slices cheap Chinese restaurants, Peruvians chicken with a sauce of milk, cheese, nuts and chili) and Chinese-Peruvian food. In fact, Inca Kola is the only soft drink served in many Chinese restaurants, which are known as chifas.

Luciano Tocto, bead chef at Diez Sesenta, an Italian restaurant, says Inca Kola is his favorite drink because its light carbonatioo and subtle fruity flavor enhance the taste of any cuisine. In Peru, the soft drink has become a "It's also very refreshing to drink no aftertaste." Mr. Tocto said.

Other Peruvians say they drink Inca Kola, which is produced by J. R. Lindmakes it the perfect complement to the ley e Hijos, S.A., a local bottling com-

"I drink it because it makes me feel Peruvian," said Rafael García, who was polishing off his third Inca Kola with his daughter, Gabby, at Pardo's Chicken restaurant, "I tell Gabby: 'This is our drink, not something invented overseas. It is named for your

ancestors, the great Inca warriors." And what does Inca Kola taste like? Laura Puertas, a local journalist and radio talk-show host, may have described the beverage best when she called it "liquid bubble gum."

Inca Kola was introduced in 1935 by

J. R. Lindley, and the formula has basically remained the same. "It's a bouquet of fruits, and that's all I'm going to say about the secret formula," said

ny's president. Although Inca Kola began as a drink of the lower classes, it is now conwith foreign hottlers, Inca Kola is oow other Latin American countries.

sold in Ecuador, Bolivia, Los Angeles, New Jersey and New York, which all have sizable Peruvian populations.

With the current revival of Peru's economy, Inca Kola's sales and profits are rebounding after a downturn in the early 1990s when the country was

mired in hyperinflation and terrorism. Between January 1993 and August 1994 the company lost \$7 million, but it posted a small profit last year on sales of \$82 million. Mr. Lindley predicts

for carbonated-beverage drinkers in Coca-Cola, a claim that Coca-Cola disputes. But Coca-Cola acknowledges that it has a much lower share of the sumed by all. And through agreements soft-drink market in Peru than it does in

Army officials say these Na-tional Guard brigades provide

troops in the remaining eight combat divisions are not even

With a surplus of combat

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tive-duty army, a senior army

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## Pollsters Join Budget Fray Republicans Fare Poorly in Surveys

By Thomas B. Edsall Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON -The conservative strategist Grover G. Norquist argues that any Republican member of Congress whose commitment to the budger battle with President Bill Clinton has begun to weaken should look at poll data showing that defectioo could result in a severe penalty on Election Day.

Conversely, the Democratic pollster Stanley Greenberg argues that voters, especially seniors, now firmly oppose the Republican budget and Medicare strategies, and that politicians who stand by those policies will pay a price in November.

Both men can build a statistical case for their positions. The bitter division between House Republicans and the Democratic White House over the budget, which has brought part of the U.S. government to a halt, is in part driven and supported by contradictory poll data giving political sustenance and logic to both sides.

The clearest finding, however, is that Republicans have not succeeded in winning majority support for their budget plan, or, more especially, their approach to Medicare,

"The Democrats are winning the message battle," said a Republican pollster, Fred Steeper. The predominant view, he said, is that the Republican budget plan hurts children and the elderly — and no one wants to hurt children and the elderly.

The Democrats have done a

through," he said. But the data also suggest that there may be a basis in public orinion for the long-range conservative Republican strategy, and that Republicans who compromise may face the possibility of reprisals on Election Day.

When asked to evaluate the Republican budget and Medicare proposals, majorities voice opposition. A CBS/New York Times Poll, conducted from Dec. 9 to 11, found that 54 percent disapproved and 33 percent approved of Republi-can plans for Medicare.

Mr. Steeper said his firm sur-veyed voters in a major Midwestern state that he declined to identify. When they were asked their opinion of the Republican budget plan, 53 percent were negative and 29 percent were

age of support skills in the ac-More relevant to the current debate is the sharp difference in the views of Republicans,

Democrats and independents. The opposition to the Repub-lican Medicare plans is concentrated among Democrats, who

are opposed 80 percent to 10 percent, and among independents, who are adverse to the plans 52 percent to 31 percent. Republicans, however, are overwhelmingly supportive of their party's plan on Medicare,

backing it 63 percent to 26 percent. These are the voters who Norquist in making his case that Norquist in making his case that provided the core of the support House Republicans should continue to refuse to compromise for the Republican takeover of the House and Senate in 1994.

· Similarly, Mr. Steeper found Mr. Norquist argues that if that on the broad issue of the Republicans hold firm and win Republican budget plan, Re-publican voters who intend to approval of their budget and Medicare plans, the public's participate in the Republican hostile view will fade.

primary were strongly support-ive: 66 percent to 22 percent. Mr. Greenberg flatly disputed Mr. Norquist. "I don't think The intensity of the ideolog- there is any way they could ical commitment among these have framed the Medicare debate to be successful," he said. highly conservative voters is

#### POLITICALNOTES

#### U.S. Workers Protest Shutdown

WOODLAWN, Maryland — About 100 furloughed federal employees protesting the partial government shutdown gathered briefly inside Social Security Administration headquarters on Tuesday before being asked to leave,

Union leaders had said employees would go to their desks and stage a "work-in." But employees instead filed past security guards into the building's auditorium, where they stayed for about 15 minutes before being asked to leave, union leaders said union leaders said.

Workers will hold another demonstration later in the week, said John Gage, president of the American Federation of Government Employees Local 1923 in Baltimore.

Thousands of federal workers deemed as 'nonemergency" have been indefinitely out of work since Dec. 16 because Congress and President Bill Clinton failed to agree on a

Budget talks between staff members for the administration and Republican leaders in Congress were to resume Wednes-

#### A Short Circuit on Electric Cars?

SAN FRANCISCO - California is backing away from a the state be electrically powered. The move raises questions about similar mandates in New York and Massachusetts, both of which had pledged to follow California's lead.

The California Air Resources Board asked its staff last

week to prepare a rule that would suspend the requirement that automakers market tens of thousands of electric vehicles in the state by the turn of the century.

The board proposed to drop the 2 percent requirement in the early years and instead to gradually increase production up to 10 percent "zero emission vehicles" by 2003, when all car companies that sell more than 3,000 vehicles a year statewide must comply with the regulation.

Air quality advocates and members of the emerging electric car industry criticized the move, which they called a capitulation to the automobile and oil industries.

#### Clinton Applauds Haiti Leaders

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton congratulated two Haitian leaders Tuesday for "a very impressive, free and fair electioo" that produced a successor for President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

The president, in a telephone call, told Mr. Aristide how impressed he was that the election was "relatively free of violence," a White House spokesman said. Mr. Clinton called President-elect René Préval separately

to congratulate him "on a very impressive free and fair election." The calls were made from the Oval Office. Mr. Préval was elected earlier this month in the first presidential balloting since Mr. Clinton sent U.S. troops to Haiti in September 1994 to force out a military regime and

#### Quote/Unquote

restore Mr. Aristide to power.

John Gage, a government workers union leader, oo the partial closure of the government: "We want to work, and there's a lot of work to be done.'

#### National Guard Battles Pentagon Budget Raid During the Cold War, the Geogral Colin L. Powell, the are divided into two groups: the troops quickly in the second of By Eric Schmitt 230,000-member Reserve, two regional conflicts.

New York Times Service INDIANTOWN GAP, Pennsylvania - On any given weekend, 5,000 citizensoldiers from the Pennsylvania National Guard's 28th Infantry Division assemble at this sprawling base to fly Cobra attack helicopters, blast M-1 tanks and train for a war that many army officials say they will never fight.

Because of that, the Defense Department wants to eliminate roughly half of 110,000 Army National Guard combat troops, including the 28th Divisinn, and save hundreds of millions of dollars in such training and

The remaining National Guardsmen would be trained to drive trucks or manage sup-nlies, support skills that are acking in the acove-duty

But this plan faces fierce opposition from the powerful Na-donal Guard lobby in Washington and from more than two dozeo state governors. For them, the National Guard is a cherished institution — the di- unsuccessfully to make deeper rect descendant of colonial cuts in the National Guard. militia protected by the Constitution — one that the governnrs rely on in all sorts of emergencies, ranging from hur-ricanes to riots, and one that they want to keep.

army kept a huge combat reserve in the National Guard as a hedge against conflict with the Soviet Union. Now the Penyear to pay, train and equip National Guard combat troops who are part of the 386,000-

no war big enough or long

National Guard that's just ir-relevant to our strategy." said a

senior Defense Department of-

ficial. "It's kind of like a wel-

fare program for weekend warriors so guys can earn a little

Congress has long shielded

the National Guard and the Re-

serves from the deep cuts that

active-duty forces have ab-

sorbed. Since the Bush admin-

istration, the Pentagon has tried

duty army is to shrink by 36

percent, to 495,000 troops, but

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enough to need them.

extra pay.

retired chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said in his au-tobiography, "We managed some reductions, but could still tagon is questioning why it is save much more money on the spending more than \$1 billion a Guard and Reserves without hurting national security." One reason for Congress to

be so protective of the National

from part-time salaries and lo-

cal armories.

which reports to the army, and the 386,000-member National Guard, which reports to state enough additional firepower, governors in peacetime and to The 110,000 National Guard the Defense Department in wartime or for other military operations. Reserve forces cost included in the two-war plan. about 25 percent to 80 percent

There is a lot of the Army National Guard that's just irrelevent to our program. It's kind of a welfare program for weekend warriors.' member Army National Guard. Guard is that the lawmakers of what the military spends to when military planners foresee constituents reap many benefits maintain comparable active-

duty troops.

The fight over the 110,000 relevant than they are today," combat guardsmen comes as said Deborah R. Lee, assistant "I feel very strongly that we should leave these divisions the Pentagon is relying on realone," said Representative G.V. Montgomery, a Missis-sippi Democrat who is one of servists to ease the strains on active-duty forces. Small This woold follow the rec-groups of guardsmen have ommendations made in May by joined the multinational peace- an independent commission the Guard's staunchest supporters. "They're a good buy for

the taxpayer. Indeed, Edward J. Philbin, executive director of the National Guard Association of the United States, issued a thinly veiled threat to Defense Secretary William J. Perry last August: "Since significant elements of the eight National From 1989 to 1998, the active- Guard divisions are located in 25 states, which control 363

electoral votes, the precipitous

they are support specialists, like active-duty army and Guard military police and civil affairs experts, not combat troops. The United States has based army generals treat them as sec-its post-Cold War defense plans ond-class soldiers, and many

eping force oow in Sinai. studying ways to reduce redundancies in the military.
National Guard officials, The Defense Department is sending 3,800 guardsmen and reservists to help in the Bosnia however, do not trust the Penpeacekeeping operation, but tagon. Relations between the

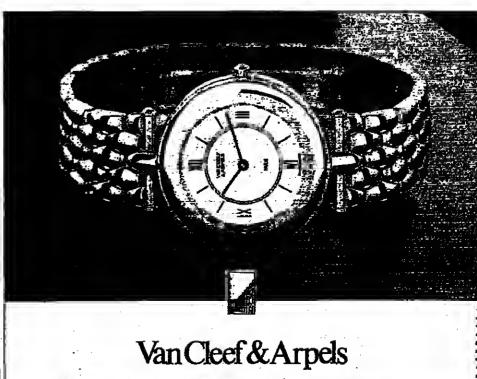
on the commitment to fight two army officers view guardsmen wars nearly simultaneously. As as amateurs. part of this planning, the Pentagon has increased the training Guard officials say, may just be ffect the 1996 elections."

of 15 National Guard brigades a cover for the army to cut the The nation's army reservists so that they can reinforce U.S. Guard's troop levels.

have been strained for years. Many guardsmen complain that

Any restructuring, some

Subject: Mefloquine tablets, 250 Mg (FDA APPROVED). The American Embassy, Bonn requires a contractor to supply and deliver via airfreight/airparcel to American Embassies worldwide Melloquine tablets, 250 mg. Estimated total value of this contract is USD 200,000.00 annually with two years option for renewal.



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Away From Politics

 An increase in seismic activity and the heaviest rainfall in the Northwest since the big 1980 eruptions at Mount St. Helens in Washington state have generated concern among scientists that there could be a renewal of volcanic activity there for the first time since a

series of steam explosions in 1991. (LAT) A 13-year-old how trying to get toys for Christmas fired rifle shots at a truck on Interstate 10 in Fort Hancock, Texas, critically wounding a motorist in another vehicle. The

overturn and spill a cargo of toys. The boy whose identity was withheld because of his age, was charged with juvenile deadly conduct, punishable by up to life in prison.(AP)

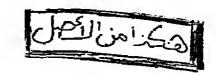
the Army National Guard will restructuring could very well be reduced by only 20 percent, affect the 1996 elections."

· A federal court said that Atlanta's proposed dress code for taxi drivers, which was to have gone into effect on Jan. 1 and helped spruce up the city for the 1996 Summer Olympics, was too loosely written for the court to conclude that it had any "rational basis" in furthering the city's goal of a safe and efficient taxi industry.(NYT)

wounding a motorist in another vehicle. The police said the youth was apparently trying to drank up her supply of methadone has been shoot out the truck's tires, hoping it would arraigned in the Bronx, New York. (NYT)

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#### ASIA

## Ordeal Over As North Releases Fishermen

SEOUL - North Korea freed five South Korean fishermen Tuesday after holding them for seven months.

The release of the men, captured after their boat strayed into North Korean waters on May 30, could set the stage for the impoverished North to seek more rice aid from the South.

Dressed in suits and carrying identical dark gray suitcases, the men lonked healthy as they crossed the demarcation line that separates the two Koreas. They shook hands with North Korean military officials and waved farewell.

"Thank you!" one shouted. "We cannot forget your hospitality."
The cremated remains of

three other crew members were handed over to South Korean Red Cross representatives, who wore white masks.

After quick medical checks the survivors were reunited with weeping relatives at a South Korean government building outside the border village of Panmunjom. Other families wailed at a

makeshift altar, clutching the cloth-wrapped urns containing the ashes. Traditional offerings to the dead had been laid out. One crewman was shot and killed and another died when flames engulfed the fishing ship after a North Korean gunship

fired on it for straying into North Korean territory, one of

the freed men said. A third man died of illness, he said. The former captive said the crew members were forced to denounce South Korea on the radio, but added: "It's true that we intruded deep and attempted

to flee and were fired upon. South Korea welcomed the release, although a Unification Ministry spokesman said it was unrelated to resuming rice shipments. The South Korean news agency Yonhap quoted an unidentified government official as saying that South Korea and Japan would hold talks on rice aid with the United States at a two-day meeting in Hawaii start-

"One of the major issues in the three-way deputy minister level talks will be whether to resume rice shipmeots to relieve the North's severe food

shortage," the source said. Korean officials

sticking point when a third round of rice talks broke down

in July. South Korea ignored a call by the United Nations to maintain the aid flow and asked Japan and its allies to fullow suit. Tokyo has sent 300,000 tons of a promised consigment of 500,000 tons of rice.

Aid agencies say North Korea needs almost 4 million tons of rice to prevent mass star-



YEAR OF THE MOUSE — A clerk in Taipei displaying gold objects Tuesday in the shape of the symbolic animal of the Chinese New Year.

## Hong Kong Comes Down With Bad Case of Nerves

By Keith B. Richburg Washington Post Service

HONG KONG - A new mood of pessimism has settled over this British colony because of hard-line statements from Chinese officials and their allies that some believe are orchestrated to send Hoog Kong a message: Change is coming sonn, and life will be different under Communist rule.

The 14-year prison sentence given by Beijing this month to Wei Jingsheng, China's leading democracy advocate, cast a pall of gloom over the colony. The verdict followed a senior Chinese official's statement questioning the rate of Hong Kong's social welfare spending, a proposal to dilute the colony's bill of rights, even a suggestion that a shadow government be set up before the 1997 turnover of Hong Kong to Chinese con-

Hong Kong and British officials in-volved in the transition acknowledge greater worries than ever about China's oft-stated guarantees to respect Hong

democracy demonstrators in the vicinity of Beijing's Tiananmen Square, and the mood eventually changed. But this time, with the transition only 18 months away, he said, "It's getting a bit close. We don't have much time to recover."

Even the head of Hong Kong's pro-Beijing political party concedes he may be growing less hopeful about the fu-

"I see perhaps more problems, and the problems being more serious for this pected before," said Tsang Yok-sing, as "sovereignty issues" for China. who leads the Democratic Alliance for

Kong's basic freedoms and autonomy. about 70 percent, and officials and idation tactics against Taiwan helped crase much of the confusion. "The mood is quite gloomy here at diplomats say they expect the number of reduce the parliamentary majority of na's long-term intentions.

cession struggle, with the paramount leader, Deng Xiaoping, ailing. A Western diplomat said the mood

during this political transition has led to Chinese muscle-flexing against Taiwan, the stiff sentence handed to Mr. Wei and even Beijing's haste to see its 6-year-old candidate named as Tibet's new Panchen Lama, the regioo's secondranking religious figure. One troubling sign, the diplomat said, was that Chinese Communist officials are starting to refer final 18 months than perhaps I had ex- to Taiwan, Tibet and Hong Kong jointly

"They're worried about Hong Kong the Betterment of Hong Kong and is one of China's handpicked advisers in the colony. "It's going to be a tough situation here," he said.

A Hong Kong official said he be-Applications for immigrant visas to lieved Chinese officials might have conda are said to have increased by cluded — wroogly — that their intimabout 70 percent, and officials and idation tactics against Taiwan helped crase much of the confusion about Chi-

the moment," said a Hong Kong official. "I think things look pretty bad
oow."

He recalled that Hong Kong went
through a similar period of pessimism
after China's 1989 crackdown on Kong may suffer the consequences.
"The Taiwan thing is worrying

here," he said. "They have concluded that their approach for the last few months has been correct.

For Hong Kong, that approach appears to have alternated between reassuring words and signs of heightened interference. Hong Kong's growing mood of pessimism comes as the colony enters what many here say will be a crucial phase of the transition early next year. A 400-member selection committee will recommend the first chief executive to administer the territory after 1997, as well as a new provisional legislature to replace the democratically elected body that China has vowed to disband.

China has promised the chief executive will be named by the fall of next year, and many expect the choice to

#### BRIEFLY

## Thailand to Extradite an Ex-MP

BANGKOK — A former member of Parliament lost his bid to avoid extradition to the United States to face drugtrafficking charges when the Thai appeals court upheld a

criminal court order Tuesday.

A court official and the lawyer for Thanong A count official and the charges, said the apsimpleschapong, who has trained the former legislator's appeal against the

pears court rejected the infuly.

Criminal court's ruling in July.

Mr. Thanong, who is in detention, was secretly indicted in a northern California court in 1991 on charges of samaging almost 49 tons of marijuana into the United States from 1973 almost 49 tons of marijuana into the Officer States from 1973 to 1987. He resigned as a Chart Thai member of Parliament when the indictment was disclosed in 1994 after leaks to the Thai press. The United States has cited three other Thai politicians for alleged links to drug trafficking. (AFP)

#### Cultist Admits Role in Gas Attack

TOKYO - The top doctor in the cult accused of un. leashing nerve gas on Tokyo subways admitted involvement in the group's crimes Tuesday, telling a court there was "no

'I am perplexed about how to apologize to the many people to whom I have caused damage and trouble," said the doctor, Ikuo Hayashi, according to the Kyodo news agency. 'I will tell the truth in court."

The hearing, Dr. Hayashi's first, dealt with three charges The hearing, Dr. Hayasin s mist, dean with times charges accusing him of sheltering a fugitive member of the Ann. Shinrikyo cult and illegally confining two people. He has pleaded guilty. He has also been indicted for murder in the subway gas anack that killed 12 people and injured.

#### Jakarta Official Cleared of Graft

JAKARTA - President Suharto has cleared a senior cabinet minister of corruption allegations, an official said Tuesday.

The presidential spokesman, Murdiono, said there was no clear evidence showing that Communications Minister Haryanto Dhanutirto misused up to \$4 million in state funds

'The allegations against him were not based on facts and the case was only administrative errors," said Mr. Mardiono, the minister at the State Secretariat. (AP)

#### Suspect Named in Pakistan Blast

ISLAMABAD — A Persian-speaking Afghan has been identified as a prime suspect in a car bomb blast last Thursday in Peshawar that left at least 45 dead and more than 100 wounded, state-run television said Tuesday.

The police suspect that Abdul Mateen plotted and carried on the bombing with the help of accomplices, the broadcast said. The report did not say whether there had been any arrests.

On Sunday, Pakistan declared Afghanistan's consul-general to Peshawar, Musa Khan, persona oon grata and gave him 48 hours to leave the country, apparently in worsening of ties between the two neighbors.

#### **VOICES** From Asia \*

Judge Hiroshi Noda, as a Tokyo Court awarded 106 million yen to compensate 71 residents outside a U.S. air base for noise pollution:

'It is not fair to force a limited number of people, such as residents around the air base, to sacrifice themselves for a national cause of importance. "(AP)

Chun Jae Yong, a son of former President Chun Doo Hwan of South Korea: "My father has been taking nothing but bottled water since late Monday, rejecting barley tea containing sugar and salt. He cannot sit up alone and talks

## ately on the report. Seoul shipped 150,000 tons of rice earlier this year, but the fate of the fishermen was a key 2 Marines Testify Sailor Forced Them Into Rape Attack on Okinawa Girl

The Associated Press

NAHA, Okinawa — Two U.S. Marines charged with abducting and raping a 12-year-old schoolgirl accused a navy sailor Tuesday of bullying them into taking part in the lying taking part in the lying taking the lying taking part in the lying taking par

Both offered emotional apologies to a Japanese court, but said they had acted out of fear of the third suspect. Navy Seaman Marcus Gill, 22, has

admitted to the Sept. 4 rape of the girl. vation after floods ruined the who was snatched off the street as she summer crop. (AP, Reuters) shopped for school supplies.

20, also a Marine, say they helped to once in the past.

ence. About half of the 46,000 American troops in Japan are stationed on

Private Harp and Private Ledet told the court Tuesday that they had been afraid Seaman Gill would hurt her.' them if they did not go along with his

"Gill said to tape the girl's hands

up, and I said oo, and he said, "Tape the girl's hands up!" he testified, his voice rising sharply.

Private Harp acknowledged strikattack.

ing the girl as she struggled to escape "I did hit her." he said in a low

He also acknowledged getting into

Private Rodrico Harp, 21, of the plan Private Ledet said Seaman Gill the back seat of the car after Seaman and her family feel," he said, but fuller account of their involvement.

Marines, and Private Kendrick Ledet, already had threatened to kill him Gill had raped her, but said he could added, "the Bible also tells about "The other two left out the part not rape her.

"Not when I saw the way the girl was lying there," he said. Private Ledet, testifying afterward,

"I wish I were never there," he telling him: "Please stop now." said in a trembling voice. "I'm very In later testimony Tuesday, Seasony and would like to apologize to man Gill said the other two men had

"I can understand how the victim for Wednesday, he would give a hands

forgiveness."

Chief Judge Shinei Nagamine displayed some impatience with long rape causing injury, which carries a explanatory replies by Private Harp said he was sorry for his part in the and Private Ledet. At one point, he cut off Private Ledet's comments,

voice. "It was mean of me to hit the little girl, her family and the peo-her." painted an unfair picture of him, and that in detailed testimony scheduled

"The other two left out the parts that made them look bad," he said. All three men are charged with `B-. -

penalty of three years to life in prison. The three-judge panel is expected to issue the verdict and sentence in late January.

The mothers of Private Harp and Private Ledet were in court Tuesday. As Private Harp testified, his mother. Daisey Harp, held her head in her

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#### BANKS: Japan's Finance Ministry Calls for 'Drastic Shift' in Policy Continued from Page 1

Business News. "The trend is positive, but I don't think it is sufficient."] The lack of full disclosure is one of the most common complaints by foreign in-

The measures, which are expected to go into effect in April, do not directly improve the poor disclosure by banks. Still, the ministry said it hoped that the quality of disclosure would improve

because of the measures.

To that end, it will set up an 'early-warning' system aimed at detecting irregularities at the banks. For example, the ministry will set guidelines for capital adequacy, risk management and controls. It will also the banks and devise inspections will also the banks and devise inspections according to the ratings.

on a "convoy" system, in which all the banks support each other so that it is virtually impossible for an institution to fail. The new measures aim at departing from that concept and at forcing banks to stand on their own. Banks will be remired to bolster their

own inspection and control systems, and nication channels with regulatory suffer draw up more complete policies for risk ities in other countries, and wrongd management and control.

Ministry guidelines will also cover lend-ing limits. A major problem at a number of the failed institutions was that they lent huge sums to a single company or a single "The most important point is that the Ministry of Finance's policy is changing

from guardian of the industry to judge or umpire of the industry," said Yoshinobu Yamada, a bank analyst at Merrili Lynch Japan Inc. "It will have long term implications. Although the Ministry said it would slap

studying other punitive measures, such as Japanese banks for decades have operated ordering a bank to stop paying dividends if its capital ratios slide below a certain lev-

Several measures are focused directly at preventing the kind of fraud that occurred at the New York branch of Daiwa Bank.

must be reported "promptly" by the nancial institution to the host country sipervisors. At home, Japanese banks must report wrongdoings according to deading set by the Ministry, and significant wrongdoing should be publicly disclosed in a "timely" manner.

The ministry will send inspection teams to Japanese branch offices in New York and London at the same time it conducts inspections at head offices in Japan. By increasing the number of ministry inspectors to 486 from 420, the ministry hopes in have these inspection teams directly verify transaction slips and other accounts.

Overseas branches of Japanese banks will also he encouraged to undergo audits.

Separately, the Bank of Japan said it

would complete its own inspection of the New York branches of half of Japan's 21 major commercial banks. After inspecting three branches, it said it had detected some 'defects" in risk management, according The ministry will improve its commuto a report by Kyodo News Service-

## KOREA: President Seems to Be Emerging Unscathed From Scandals

#### Continued from Page 1

Korea. While it is difficult to draw a direct cause-and-effect relationship between the scandals and Mr. Kim's increasing popularity, one Western diplomat said that the president's handling of them had played well with a majority of South

> "He has demonstrated strength of leadership, determination, and he has not shrunk from politically difficult steps," the diplomat said. "This has been Korea's biggest

which he's held, and it has chose Kim Young Sam. probably increased his popularity.

tainly have been tainted by their Mr. Roh's slush fund largesse. close association with Mr. Roh, who was a founding member of the governing party and whose support was a key factor in Mr. the obvious question about

Kim becoming president. whether oth In early 1990, Mr. Roh. Mr. his behalf. Kim and a longtime opposition
leader, Kim Jong Pil, merged
their three parties into the Demoleader, accuse President Kim of test, and its president is hantest, and its president is handling it with skill and courage.

cratic Liberal Party to put forth a
political opportunism in the
pursuit of Mr. Roh and Mr.

ing the prime minister.

It has increased the respect with Roh in the 1992 elections. They Chun. They say that the pre-

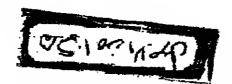
Still, there are many questions confronting the president.

Mr. Kim and his party cermot benefit in some way from how the:

Given that close political remining, many here say even lationship, many here say, even involvement in sleazy money The next tangihle measure how the scandals have affected

Mr. Kim will come in Nanosa Assembly elections scheduled for April Mr. Kim already has co whether others took money oo

gaged in some vigorous dansage control. He changed the name of his party from the Democratic Liberal Party to symbolic New Korea Party
And he recently replaced 11 of
his 23 orbital artists



#### **EUROPE**

## Pope, Feeling Better, **Gives His Greetings** 'Slight' Fever Is Reported

VATICAN CITY --- A tiredlooking Pope John Paul II gave sick. his holiday greetings to the

world on Tuesday after his Christmas Day celebrations were disrupted by a bout of

Thank you for coming here today and yesterday, thank you so much," the Pope said, speaking from the window of his private apartments over-

looking St. Peter's Square. "I wish you, in this Christmas season, a special hlessing of the Lord, 'he said.

A Vatican spokesman, Joaquin Navarro-Valls, said the 75-year-old pontiff was feeling better although be still had a slight fever, and said the rest of his holiday schedule would not be affected by the illness.

Absolutely nothing has changed on his end of year program." Mr. Navarro-Valls told reporters, adding the Pope's doctor had ordered him to have a few days' rest.

"The slight disturbance which the Holy Father suffered yesterday is improving all the time both in terms of the slight fever and the stomach problems, which are now almost

gone," he said. A day earlier, the Vatican had reported that the Pope had worked up a sweat at midnight Mass and theo caught a chill after removing his yellow cer-emonial robes back in his apart-

His health has been uncertain since a hip replacement operation nearly two years ago. Pain is still present and his movements at times slow.

Pilgrims in St. Peter's Square retary Malcolm Rifkind said Tuesday. cheered and applauded as the Pope appeared at the window Tuesday to deliver an Angelus

prayer and blessing. He looked tired and drawn as he read slowly from a written text. His voice wavered at times and he stumbled over the words at one point.

At the end, he resumed his Christmas greetings that were cut short Monday when he abruptly stopped his "Urbi et the world after suddenly feeling

The Pope said 'Happy Christmas' in only Italian, French, English, Spanish, Portuguese, German and Polish while he had been scheduled on Monday to give the greeting in

The Pope also had missed Christmas Day Mass in St. Peter's Basilica after his doctors ordered rest for fever and influenza. It was the first time since he became Pope in 1978 that he had missed the Christ-

Mr. Navarro-Valls said the Pope held Mass in his private chapel on Tuesday after getting up at his usual time, 6:15 A.M. "He is in good spirits," the spokesman said, adding that the

Pontiff had received clearance

from his doctor to make Tues-

day's appearance. The Pope normally gives this Angelus at his residence in Castelgandolfo, south of Rome, but doctors ordered him to stay at the Vatican to rest and recover from his illness.

He now has no appearances scheduled until celebration of the traditional "Te Deum" vespers here Dec. 31.



ESSENTIALS — A resident of the eastern French town of Ornans carrying a baguette and a scraper Tuesday after the Lone River flooded the town.

## Yeltsin Shakes Up Foreign Policy After **Election Reversals**

MOSCOW - President Boris N. Yeltsin created a new Foreign Policy Council on Tuesday amid increasing signs of his — and his opponents' discontent with Russia's course of diplomacy.

Mr. Yeltsin signed a decree forming the body "for the improvement of the effectiveness of Russian foreign policy," his office said.

The move came a week after parliamentary elections in which Communists and nationalists — who have long opposed the pro-Western stance of the Foreign Ministry -

Analysts expected the results to prompt Mr. Yeltsin to rearrange his cabinet and make concessions to his opponents.

The president had already expressed displeasure with the Foreign Ministry and its head, Andrei V. Kozyrev.

Mr. Kozyrev, Mr. Yeltsin's longest-serving minister, seems to sense that his days in the cabinet are numbered. Last week, after winning a Parliament seat in the northern city of Murmansk, the foreign minister met with Mr. Yeltsin to discuss his political future.

The new council will meet monthly and include leaders of the Foreign Ministry, the Defense Ministry, the Foreign Trade Ministry, the Finance Ministry, the Foreign Intelligence Service, the Federal Security Service and other leading officials, his office said.

#### ■ Making Progress

Mr. Yeltsin left a sanatorium where he had been recovering from a heart ailment and moved to a neighboring country residence on Tuesday, his press ser-

vice said, according to Reuters. It said Mr. Yeltsin, 64, would follow doctors' instructions during his stay at the Barvikha residence near Moscow. The Itar-Tass news agency said he would mark the New Year there

with his family. Mr. Yeltsin was hospitalized Oct. 26 suffering from what doctors described as an ischaemic heart condition, a blood supply problem. A month later be moved to the sanatorium and gradually increased

his workload. Mr. Yeltsin had scheduled a meeting with Prime Minister Viktor S. Chernomyrdin on Tuesday to discuss results of the parliamentary elections.

#### BRIEFLYEUROPE

#### Austrian Rightist Loses a Seat

VIENNA - Jörg Haider, the rightist who challenged the governing coalition in elections nine days ago, lost one mandate to the Greens in final results issued Tuesday.

As expected, the Social Democrats, who won the Dec. 17 vote, also lost one mandate to the Liberals. It was the first time Mr. Haider's Freedom Party, which has made steady gains over the last 10 years, hadlost ground since he took control in 1986. He has hased his campaigning on anti-immigrant

According to the final results, the Social Democrats got 71 seats, the People's Party 53, the Freedom Party 40, the Liberals 10 and the Greens 9. Mr. Haider is thus down two seats from elections a year ago. The Socialists gained six seats and the People's Party one. The Greens lost four seats and the

#### Papandreou Breathing Better

ATHENS - Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou, who was hospitalized with pneumonia on Nov. 20, is breathing without the use of a respirator for a second day, his doctors

said Tuesday.

"His condition remains stable," said a statement issued by the Onassis Cardiac Surgery Center. There have been no changes over the past 24 hours."

According to hospital sources, Mr. Papandreou, 76, has been lucid and talking with his wife and other members of his family. The statement added that treatment with antibiotics was continuing to prevent the outhreak of a new secondary

#### French Homeless Storm Building

PARIS — Some 100 homeless people led by Bishop Jacques Gaillot tried to occupy the offices of France's National Employer's Council on Tuesday.

Security personnel blocked the demonstrators from entering the building in an elegant neighborhood of northwestern Paris. But the demonstrators left peacefully after

meeting with Yves Monier, the council's secretary-general. At the meeting with Mr. Monier the demonstrators said they explained the situation of young people between the ages of 18 and 25 who have no jobs and in some cases no home.

The protesters, who belong to an association known as "Right to Housing," had demanded to meet with Jean Gandois, the council's president. Monsignor Gaillot was dismissed from his post as bishop of Evreux last Jan. 13 for challenging church positions on issues including abortion, contraception, and homosexuality.

#### Andalucia to Vote in March

MADRID - The chances that a Spanish general election will be held in early March rose sharply on Tuesday when Andalucia called its regional election on March 3.

Manuel Chaves, president of the region of Andalucia, was forced to call local elections early after the Andalucian Parliament in November rejected the region's 1996 budget

The date is the one which Prime Minister Felipe González has hinted would be chosen for a Spanish general election.

"I am waiting to see what happens with the elections in Andalucia," Mr. González said, because "it would seem to me simply an absurdity, oot to say wasteful, to have elections in Andalucia during the 20 days before or after the general election.'



## Queen to Have Last Word in Defining Diana's Role

LONDON - The wishes of Queen Elizabeth II will be paramount in deciding whether Princess Diana becomes an ambassador for Britain, Foreign Sec-

Mr. Rifkind is the first member of the government to speak out publicly about a possible new role for the princess since she indicated her wish to be a goodwill ambassador in a BBC television interview last month.

Speaking on BBC radio, Mr. Rifkind expressed doubt about the term "ambassador" but he said the government was considering Diana's wish, made known in the interview.

someone who helps advance the interests of the country they belong to," he

"These are issues we need to consider and they will be considered quite properly taking into account the wishes of Her Majesty the Queen. That is the single most important consideration."

Diana, separated from the heir to the throne Prince Charles, said in the interview that she wanted to be a goodwill ambassador for Britain, suggesting a more formal status for her charity

The candid revelations of her tormented life inside the royal family "Ambassador has both a technical earned her sympathy, and her image was meaning but it also has a more general subsequently polished up with reports of

meaning that is sometimes used of midnight visits to the sick in London

The interview underlined her am- he added. higuous constitutional position as estranged wife to the heir, and last week the queen wrote to Charles and Diana, urging them to seal their separation with

Charles accepted and said he did not intend to remarry.

Diana was variously said to be furious

and devastated that news of the queen's letter had become public and she has not Mr. Rifkind said that the future of

Charles and Diana was at a "very delicate moment" and that the role of the princess depended on decisions they took about their future.

"I don't think it is belpful at this moment to speculate on these matters,' Popular newspapers oo Tuesday were

less interested in that than in Diana's refusal to join the rest of the royal family, including her two sons, for Christ-mas at the Sandringham estate in eastern "You're so selfish, Di," The Sun

newspaper said, contrasting the sulking princess with the 95-year-old Queen Mother, who joined the rest of the family at a church service, using sticks to walk after a hip replacement operation.

The Sun said she spent Christmas alone, eating cold chicken in front of the television in her Kensington Palace



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#### ITALY, AH, ITALY! LAND OF smiling, singing gondoliers and waiters; carefree, flashing-eyed, flirtatious girls; and a great many other characters straight out of Central Casting. Milan is the other Italy, the country's Frankfurt or Zurich or Chicago. Milan, dedicated to commerce and industry, is the capital of the financial-manufacturing complex that has helped to make Italy a leading industrial power.

#### At a Glance

Although rocked by scandals that earned it the nickname "Tangentopoli" (City of Bribes), Milan remains the nexus of economic influence, where old and new money meet, and where wbeeler-dealers wbeedle money out of banks, stockmarket players and each oth-

The great Milanese families in the Middle Ages clearly believed that the storing up of earthly riches was no obstacle to their achieving a credit balance in heav-

To be on the safe side. though, they built cburches and laid their dead to rest in cemeteries of remarkable opulence - or remarkable vulgarity, depending on your viewpoint. Ancestry still counts for much in Milan.

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The Milanese now have to adapt to a different world, one in which foreigners are arriving in the wake of the country's massive privatization program. Already the French and Germans bave entered the group of control-ling shareholders of Fiat, while the Swedes have also become major players in

Though ancestry still counts for much in Milan, nimblefootedness counts for even more. Milan bas always been renowned for entrepreneurs who created or seized opportunities zestfully - not just in Italy, but all over Europe and the world. Whether in banking, manufacturing, services or finan-cial dealing, the Milanese have always looked outward for new markets.

#### In a Word

For a large city that is heavily reliant upon foreign trade and the international fashion business, the Milanese are surprisingly weak in English and other lan-

They are tolerant of mangled Italian, however, so try to learn a few key phrases before you arrive. You may also want to carry a pocket phrasebook for solo forays

#### Getting Around

The Piazza del Duomo, or Cathedral Square, at the core of Milan, is a short walk from the famous La Scala opera house, the financial district, the smart shopping area, and arcades and galleries of boutiques. Shopping in the center rivals that in Paris and London.

Close to the Cathedral neighborhood is the Piazza della Repubblica, and just beyond it the main railroad

The canal district is also close to the center. Most of the centuries-old network of canals is now dry and covered, but some canals remain, and the La Zona dei

Navigli area is full of students, artists, craftworkers. designers, good bars, restaurants - and lots of jazz.

Mucb of business Milan is within walking distance of the Cathedral - except during the torrid summer or frigid winter. Taxis are fast and have special lanes reserved for them.

The mass transit system includes a subway, the Metropolitana Milanese (MM). buses and streetcars. The MM is basically an east-west system that includes the main railroad station, the San Babila stop (with its bus connection to Linate airport), the Duomo (Cathedral). Cordusio (for the financial district) and the fairgrounds. You can buy metro, bus and streetcar tickets at tobacconists. marked by a blue sign with a white "T," or by playing the slots at stations with 100and 200-lire coins.

#### Wining & Dining

There's no such thing as "Italian" cuisine. There is. rather, a family of cuisines. Milan has its own dishes, as



does Lombardy. Both are richer, heavier and more varied than typical fare found farther south, for the north has long been ricb - and local ingredients and relative wealth are among the historical determinants of cuisine. Milanese cuisine also reflects the Germanic influand Austria.

Milan's restaurants offer the full range of Italian food. Note that many restaurants are closed on Sundays. Booking is essential in most

Largesse for the staff is included in restaurant bills, but you can always add a few thousand lire. Hat-check attendants expect a tip of not less than 8,000 lire.

Al Porto, Piazza Cantore. Tel.: 832-1481. This familyrun restaurant offers fish so fresh it would jump off the plate if it weren't cooked.

Closed Sundays.

Bagutta. Via Bagutta 14.
Tel.: 7600 0902. Arty and popular, famous for offering its own literary prize as well as delectable food.

Berlin Café, Via G.G. Mora 9. Tel.: 839-4336. Milan tends to be deserted on Sundays, but here the stranded visitor can find friendly faces and an interesting Ital-

ian-style brunch.
Biffi Scala, Piazza della Scala. Tel.: 866651. The Biffi, part of the worldrenowned La Scala opera house, is a "monument" with a famous terrace. International and Milanese cuisine. Reservations recommended. Closed Sundays.

Don Lisander, Via Малzoni 12a. Tel.: 76020130. Salmon, chicchi alla crema di pomodoro (literally, "grain with tomato cream") and many other delicacies. The most beautiful restaurant garden in Milan.

Giannino, Via A Sciesa 8. Tel.: 5519 5582. Grand yet friendly. Everyone, or so it seems, has eaten in the great dining halls: artists, politicians, Hollywood stars and a few kings.

Gualtiero Marchesi, Via Vittorio Emanuele 11, 25030 Erbusco. Tel.: 030-7760550. New address for one of Italy's finest resaurants. One hour outside of town. La nuova cucina (nouvelle cuisine) here does not mean half the normal portion for twice the money. Expensive, to be sure, but not because the kitchen is skimping but because everything is impeccable. Fabulous pasta and fish. Closed Sundays, Monday lunchtime, July and August, and year-end holiday. Bistro di Gualtiero March-

esi, Via San Rafaele 2. Tel.: 877159. Elegant restaurant

with traditional cusine.
Il Girarrosto, Corso
Venezia 31, Tel.: 76000481. A media crowd can be found at this Tuscan restaurant. Its specialty is meatballs with mushrooms (polpettone di Cesarina).

Ristorante Peck, Via Victor Hugo 4. Te).: 876774. Became known as the Faucbon of Milan for its highclass takeaways. Now a restaurant acclaimed for its ossobuco alla milanese.

Santa Lucia, Via San Pietro All'Orto 3. Tel.: 76023155. The classical Italian cuisine here draws everybody wbo is anybody politicians, businesspeople, journalists and La Scala singers. Maria Callas was a Savini, Galleria Vittorio

Emanuele 11, 16. Tel.: 72003433. This ancient establishment (1867) is back in favor with prominent Milanese businesspeople and attracts an elegant post-Scala evening crowd. The winter garden opens onto the The chandeliered dining

room inside is imposing. Traditional northern Italian dishes a specialty. Reservaeven the Aga Khan discovered, Closed Sundays. Stendhal/Café

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and the desserts. Suntory, Via Verdi 6. Tel: 8693022. Best Japanese restaurant in town, with memorable tempura and

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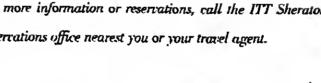
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By John Pomfret Washington Post Service

PALE, Bosnia-Herzegovina - Bosnian Serbian leaders requested Tuesday that the commander of the NATO-led peace force in Bosnia, Admiral Leighton Smith of the U.S. Navy, delay the planned rennification of Sarajevo more than six months until next fall. And senior Serbian leaders intimated that their initial compliance with Bosnia's peace plan, which has pleased Admiral Smith, could sour if he was not receptive to their demands.

Admiral Smith was noncommittal but added that he had the authority to modify the dead-

In another development, a NATO source said the Bosnian Serbian military commander and alleged war criminal, Ratko Mladic, sent Admiral Smith a letter last week. The letter, while not solicited by him, put Admiral Smith in a difficult position because under the terms of the Dayton agreement he must not communicate with men charged with war crimes the International War Crimes Tribunal in the Hague. The source said Admiral Smith

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plans to reply. The developments Tuesday junderscored two of the main difficulties facing the American-led operation to end a 47month-old war in Bosnia that . bas left an estimated 250,000 bas left an estimated 250,000 dead and 2.5 million homeless: sions for Sarajevo, extending dealing with alleged war criminals whose cooperation is key to making peace in Bosnia and what to do about the future of city nearby. what to do about the future of city nearby." Serbian-beld parts of Bosnia's ... The Serbian demands for a

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returned to the mostly Muslim during Admiral Smith's first government in less than three trip to their mountain

rest of his operation cope with these two problems will have a great impact on the success of the deal, Western officials have scuttle the plan. This tactic was employed with much success, especially by the Serbs and the Muslims, during the failed United Nations mission in the former Yugoslavia.

Already, cracks have appeared in the ediffice of the Dayton peace plan. Last Thursday, the deputy commander of Russian peacekeepers in Bosnia who will he under American command, Major General Nikolai Staskov, appeared to violate the spirit of the accord by meeting General Mladic in his headquarters in the eastern Bosnian gassison town of Han Pijesak. North Atlantic Treaty Organization officials excused General Staskov of actually breaking the terms of the treaty because Russia will only join the peace implementation force

And French government and military officials have made receptive noises about renegoti-

capital, which are slated to be new deal for Sarajevo came onths.

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Under the terms of the Dayton peace agreement, the Bosnian Serbs are to withdraw from five suburbs around Sarajevo where, for almost four years, they besieged the capital, plas-tering it with hundreds of thousands of mortar rounds and killing an estimated 10,000 peo-ple. Dozens of Bosnian Serbs interviewed in the suburbs over the last two weeks have said they are petrified of living under a Muslim government. In the talks, Admiral Smith

met with Momcilo Krajisnik, the head of the self-styled Bosnian Serbian Parliament, Aleksa Buha, "foreign minister" of the Bosnian Serbs, and other Serbian leaders.

At a news conference that followed, Mr. Buha said the Serbs had asked Admiral Smith to extend until the end of September deadlines stipulated by the Dayton deal. He added that the Serbs would like Admiral Smith to respond by Jan, 6, or Orthodox Christmas, to



A French soldier disarming a land mine on Tuesday in Stup, a suburb of Sarajevo.

## BOSNIA: U.S. May Extend Role Continued from Page 1 | Levo isn't going to fall to the U.S. one NATO officer emumbrella over Bihac, Gomji phasizzed. The question is how

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ramifications are sorted out. 2" NATO's supreme commander, ation however the division has according to a military source. 15 sets, reportedly all the The source added that the U.S. army's radars in Europe. radars likely will arrive in Sara-American planners envision

jevo within a week.

More than a half million artillery rounds fell on Sarajevo during the three-and-a-half-year Bosnian war and the city's valnerability to Serbian guns remains a flashpoint even under the Dayton peace accord, par-ticularly with several Serbian-controlled suburbs scheduled to revert to Bosnian government

control next year. A mortar round that killed 37 ting in motion the events that resulted in the current deploy-

ment of 60,000 NATO troops. Some American officers privately express concern that deploying U.S. radar systems to Sarajevo will in effect make the army responsible for the capital's protection, even if the operation is nominally under rench tactical control.

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> 16 bases from which U.S. armor and helicopter forces will operate in northeast Bosnia, and they acknowledge that even if all 15 radars are operating effectively there will be gaps in the coverage.

The two radar systems that General Walker wants for Sarajevo would be drawn from forces still in Germany, awaiting deployment to Bosnia.

At Tuzia Air Base; four people in a Sarajevo market radars currently are operating Aug. 28 triggered a two-week NATO bombing campaign, setm the past week.

The systems have recorded a number of "false positives" electronic anomalies indicating incoming artiflery shells where none exist. But the shoe has also been on the other foot. Army radars illuminating air force planes have caused surface-toair missile detection systems on the aircraft to react as if they

### French Pilots Were Tortured, Paris Paper Reports

PARIS — Contrary to the official ver-sion, the two French pilots shot down over Bosnia in August were tortured by their Serbian captors and endured mock executions, a newspaper reported.

Citing a military debriefing report

marked "defense secrets," the respected satirical weekly Le Canard Enchaîné said in its Wednesday edition that the Serbian military commander, General Ratko Mladic, threatened the pilots with torture mission Aug. 30. They were held for three

and a half mooths before their release.

The newspaper did not indicate how it acquired the secret report. The French authorities have prohibited the men from discussing their ordeal.

In an apparent attempt to avoid angering the Serbs just as Western forces were to move into Bosnia to enforce a peace accord. French officials claimed pilots, each of whom had a broken leg, at the site of their injuries. They also were

#### discussing their ordeal. Captain Frédéric Chiffot and his copilot, Lieutenant José Souvignet, were captured when their Mirage 2000 was shot down over Serbian-held territory in eastern Bosnia during a NATO bombing were to move into Bosnia to entrol peace accord, French officials claimant the pilots had been well treated. In proposition the pilots had been well treated. In proposition peace accord, French officials claimant the pilots had been well treated. In proposition peace accord, French officials claimant the pilots had been well treated. In proposition peace accord, French officials claimant to entrol peace accord to entrol peace ac the pilots had been well treated. In prison, Le Canard reported, guards kicked the

DOLE: Issue Isn't the Kansas Senator's Courage, but His Convictions

nomination, while not actually having it, has left the Dole campaign in an odd state of suspension.

Moreover, strategists for rival campaigns are hardly ready to concede. They say that while Mr. Dole has kept his lead in the polls, his support is soft, his favorability ratings are deteriorating and he is unelectable in November.

> much the Washington insider, too interested in brokering deals rather than fighting for nailing down the comination by principle, and too short on a winning support from conserrationale for why he should be president. Moreover, the perception is that in the early going he has been pandering to the right at the expense of the more moderate voters he must count on next November.

The single biggest question voters have of Dole is whether he has convictions," said Linda DiVall, a pollster working for a rival, Senator Phil Gramm of

Texas. She said the hudget stalemate between Republicans on Capitol Hill and Democrats in the than any other senator, takes White House was hurting Mr. about two secoods to coojure up Dole because he appeared to be a potential strategem.

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Gingrich, the House speaker, who is standing with the Re- waffling?' publican freshmen for the prin-

James Carville, the Demo-cratic strategist who helped en-gineer Mr. Clinton's 1992 race He is criticized as too old, too and will advise the president again, said the Dole campaign was torn between the task of vatives in the party, and the urge to start appealing to the broader, more moderate electorate whose votes he will need in November.

Mr. Carville said he believed Mr. Dole was already trying to move to the center with his recent statements on abortion and the ban on assault weapons, both of which the public at large supports but most conservatives oppose. Mr. Carville, aware that Mr. Dole has raised more mooey from special interest groups

"He wants to play 'Let's chanic who has a good record and stamina, he has an answer.

Make a Deal' so that he can go out and claim the nomination," the said, "Someone who she said, adding that this made in 14 hours has three different ator growled in his baritone the him look craven next to Newt positions on abortioo — and other day in his Senate office. they're running against us on

ciples that conservatives care held today, according to the lat-most about held today, according to the latpoll, Mr. Clinton would beat living longer."
Mr. Dole, 52 to 43 percent. But "Dole's greatest risk is that Mr. Lacy predicted that once Mr. Dole became the nominee, be could start to define Mr. Clinton as someone who has failed to keep his promises. "Right now, voters are judging Clinton in a vacuum," he said.

This weekend, a new Dole commercial in New Hampshire tries to fill that vacuum hy fleshing out the story of his life, including the hard times of his youth, when the family lived in their basement in Russell, Kansas, and rented out the up-

stairs for income. The commercial, meant to convey Mr. Dole's grit and determination, focuses on his long climb toward wholeness after his 1945 wounds, when his vertebrae were damaged hy enemy fire as he tried to rescue a man who, it turned out, was dead.

"I'm in good health," vaffling?" added, despite surgery in 1991
If the geoeral election were for prostate cancer. "If I felt my chronological age, that would be one thing. But everybody is

people think he is Bush in '92 all over again --- an older, establishment Republican without any vision," said William Kristol, a Republican commentator and editor of The Weekly Stan-

dard. "The Dole people think he can just bear Clinton on character and maturity, but Bush tried that and lost. In '94, the Republicans beat him on ideology. Dole oeeds to sharpeo the cootrast between where he would lead the country and

where Clinton would lead it." He added: "Primary voters want to continue the revolution of '94. Dole needs to convey that a Dole presidency would be a Dole-Gingrich alliance, and vigorously.

Here, Philippa's story takes a

whipped her regularly. She nev-

## **Palestinian Police Move Into Sensitive Areas Near Hebron**

DAHARIYA, West Bank -Scores of Palestinian police began deploying Tuesday in vilages near the West Bank town of Hebron, a flashpoint of Arab-Israeli violence, witnesses

ootorious Israeli Army jail, men cheered as Palestinian police took over the building, which had been emptied of prisoners weeks ago, and threw open the doors to the public.

About 1,000 people, mostly meo, crowded the building, some for a glimpse of cells where they had once been held by the Israelis. Women and children sang

and played drums around the building and two huge Pales-tinian flags were draped from This is a wooderful feel-

said Mohammed Abu Sharkh, 22. "Now we rule our-He added, "This is what we

struggled for all these years, and oow it's real." Israeli troops pulled out of Dahariya in 20 army jeeps. About 80 Palestinian police, some in olive drah and others in

hlue uniforms, arrived on a bus and several jeeps.
In total, 300 Palestinian police deployed in five villages oear Hebroo on Tuesday. Hebron itself is set to be partly evacuated by Israel by mid-

Palestinian police deployment in the rest of the Hebroo district villages will be completed hy the eod of the year.

Also Tuesday, Israeli troops pulled out of the village of Hal-houl oear Hebron, but Palestinian police have yet to deploy

Israel withdrew from Bethlehem last week, the sixth West Bank town evacuated since last year. Israel is due to withdraw from a seventh town, Ramallah. by the end of the year. Palestinian elections are to be beld on Jan. 20.

Israel on Tuesday dedicated a 9-kilometer (6-mile) bypass road around Ramallah to be used by Israelis after their

Hebron, site of a massacre in 1994 in which a Jewish settler gunned down 29 Palestinians praying at a mosque, is the only settlers actually living in it.

Self-rule began in 1994 in the.

Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho under a 1993 framework peace accord between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Under the agreement, about 130,000 Israelis settled mostly in the West Bank may remain In Dahariya, once the site of a guarded by Israeli troops.

#### ■ Peres Upbeat on Syria

Prime Minister Shimon Peres said he expected results to emerge from Israel's first talks with Syria in six months, Reuters reported Tuesday from Jerusalem. The talks begin Wednesday in the United

"We do have expectations of the negotiations this time from the Syrians," Mr. Peres told the Japanese television network NHK, according to his spokesvoman, Aliza Goren.

"Perhaps not the substance, but the atmosphere from Damascus is positive," she quoted

him as saying.
Israel has been surprised by the upbeat tone of Syria since Mr. Peres succeeded Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who was assassinated in November. "We hope that this round will be better than the previous ones," a senior Syrian official said on Tuesday. "There is a oew atmosphere and we have big hopes. We look forward to

#### Shamir Plans To Give Up **Parliament**

The Associated Press JERUSALEM — For-mer Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, a staunch opponent of land-for-peace agreements with the Arabs, announced Tuesday that he would not run for Parlia-meet in the 1996 general

Mr. Shamir, 80, lost the 1992 election to Yitzhak Rabin and a year later was replaced by Benjamin Netanyahu as leader of the rightist Likud Party. He continued to serve as a Likud legislator.

Mr. Shamir said he did not plan to compete in the will not run for Parliament anymore," he said.

### **HOMELESS:** Drifters Targeted

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homeless youths - the selfdescribed "gutter punks" who swarm the French Ouar-

standards we must uphold. People should be able to use public Spaces.

In Austin, the city's 6,000 as an easy city," said Jose Martinez, executive director of the homeless people tend to be older, seriously impaired hy years of drinking alcohol and using drugs, and cynical about society's attinudes.

Many of them classify themselves as the working homeless, picking up constructioo jobs wheo they can. But they argue that with Austin's notoriously tight and expensive housing the best thing he can do in the market, they have little hope of uext few weeks is defend Newt accumulating enough money to rent a place to live.

"We're not bothering anybody," said a 25-year veteran of the streets who gave his name as Henry.

Downtown property owners beg to differ. Saying there is an "The general public is fed important distinction between up," said Peggy Wilson, president of the New Orleans City and transient individuals, usu-Council and the author of the ally single men, who cause the proposal. "We have certain most problems, the property owners say they have finally lost patience.

> Downtown Austin Alliance. "What we are talking about

in the case of the downtown area is a small, hard-core group of individuals who support themselves through illegal, immoral activity — stealing, purse-snatching," he said.
"In Austin," he added, " you see these people at the corners panhandling, the same people day in and day out. They chose this lifestyle.'

#### BEST SELLERS

The New York Times
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would join a coalition or supsaid. "There is a need for co-operation and being construc-from the opposition benches. The Democratic Left Party's

have vowed not to go into government with the Welfare Par-Mr. Erbakan also said be had no desire to change Turkey's

ing inflation, unemployment erument that replaced it. The bid to block Mr. Erbakan isser after her defeat on Sunday, but Mr. Demirel asked her to Democratic Left Party and Mrs. stay on in a caretaker role until a Ciller's former social demo- new government is set up. cratic coalition parmers.

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Turkish political tradition, un- government could be formed der which the biggest party in a and how we could contribute to split Parliament gets the first it," he said after meeting Mr. bite at forming a governing al-Mrs. Ciller and Mr. Yilmaz criticized the U.S. educated

strict secularist constitution and September and she lost a vote of

(Reuters, AFP)

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COMPOSITION IN BLACK AND WHITE: The Life of Philippa Schuyler

By Kathryn Talalay. 317 pages. \$30. Oxford University Press.

THIS one's a heartbreaker. wring your hands about Amerblack.

life. She married that black man, scandalized her folks, fed her daughter on raw liver and brains and began keeping scrapbooks and began keeping scrapbooks almost always good. But both hand, she decides that her father regularly for The Washington life. She married that black man, them and Philippa. on her "hybrid experiment."

Reviewed by Carolyn See I This one will make you

an, and what it means to be hardly ever got to go to school. raphy, doesn't jump to conclu- She was, in a phrase, totally Philippa Duke Schuyler was ahead of the other kids, and she out. When Philippa is presented, born in 1931 to a black jour- was the only person "of color" nalist father and a wealthy for miles around. Thanks to her books that chronicle her life, Southern white mother wbo journalist father, she early on she's horrified; she understands sold themselves on the idea that had her picture in the magazines that from her parents' point of only by miscegenation could the as a talented "Negro" prodigy, view, she's been a genetic exrace question in America be but in day-to-day life it was periment. solved. (Or, more accurately, only Philippa and her mother, Josephine, the mom, wrote that locked in an isolated, manipdown in ber diary. George ulative struggle. Even her piano America, Europe. Africa. In kids in the '40s and '50s, she Schuyler may have had another teachers, who might have of- Africa, she's tormented by all was a role model, a reason to whole agenda.) Josephine had fered her various windows onto that it means to be black. She take piano lessons. This is a gone from man to man and the world were changed by her sees women toiling, disregard-bleak, extraordinarily weird wanted to make a statement, put mother as soon as there was any ed, disrespected. Indeed, as American life. Kathryn Talalay some kind of meaning in her emotional attachment between time goes by, she decides she has done a gorgeous job with

Philippa and her mother were came from Madagascar, and Post.

The raw liver must have incredibly slow learners about that she's really "Malay-Amerworked because in no time the nature of the outside world: ican-Indian-and-European.' Philippa was walking, talking. As a woman, Philippa would reading, writing. Her IQ tested have a terribly hard time making be "colored" that she took out out at 180, and by the age of 4 it as a concert pianist; as a black a passport in another name. Feshe was playing Mozart. Her she would find it almost im-dad was already fooling around possible. She would do well gesting that she had an Iberian with the ladies, but her mother ecough as a prodigy, but there heritage. Her politics had by had found her life's work, the would come a time when she creation of a musical genius. would hit the wall.

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terrible turn. Her mother genius or a freak of nature? in her early teens, with the scrap-

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gesting that she had an Iberian this time become so strange that she lectured regularly to the Had her mother turned out a John Birch Society. She had strings of suitors who treated Kathryn Talalay, the author of her badly, and the one man who ica, what it means to be a wom- er had any friends because she this sad and thoughtful biog- loved her, she couldn't ahide. When she did go, she was years sions; she just lets the story play screwed up. She was unable to resolve the elements of black and white in her own life, unable to shake off her demon mother, unable to love or be loved. She died in 1967 in a helicopter accident in Vietnam, where she had gone in her new career as a reporter. And yet, for touring takes her through South hundreds, thousands of black

#### TURKEY: Anti-Islamist Effort But it was unclear if the left Continued from Page 1

Mr. Erbakan said he hoped President Suleyman Demirel lent Ecevit, said he would back would give him the task of a strong government. forming a coalition in line with

"We evaluated bow such a it," he said after meeting Mr.
Yihmaz. Mr. Ecevit, a former
prime minister, has frequently
criticized the U.S.-educated
Mrs. Ciller for her privatization
drive and free-market ideas.
Mrs. Ciller called early elections after her coalition with the
social democrats collapsed in
September and she lost a vote of
confidence in the minority gov-

wanted to concentrate on solv-She resigned as prime min-

## Korea's Opportunity

An extraordinary political drama is a \$650 million political slush fund while unfolding in South Korea. Top govern- he was president. ment and corporate leaders of the 1980s are being hauled before courts and charged with crimes ranging from bribery to insurrection. Conviction, at least in theory, could lead to long years of imprisonment and even execution.

The architects of this upheaval do not come from some long-suppressed party or minority, but from the Korean governing class itself. The party in power today descends directly from the military-backed leaders who ruled through the 1980s.

President Kim Young Sam, though once an opponent of the military regime, was nominated and elected with the support of many of those his government oow prosecutes.

Given that lineage, it is natural to wonder whether the crackdown represents a committed effort to reform Korea's corrupt political and corporate culture, or is actually an attempt to protect the culture by sacrificing the most egregious offenders.

Although the answer will not be clear for some time, the initial signs are promising. The cleansing process can reach a healthy conclusion only if Mr. Kim completes his own rupture with an ambiguous past and establishes himself as the unflinching reformer he now claims to be.

Former Presidents Chun Doo Hwan and Roh Tae Won have been indicted for launching the bloody 1979 military coup that brought them in power. Soon both will also be charged with responsibility for the 1980 massacre of pro-democracy demonstrators in the city of Kwangju, and Mr. Roh is charged with maintaining

The chief executives of leading companies like Daewon and Samsung are accused of systematic bribery to win government contracts and favors.

If convicted, the former presidents are likely to be severely punished, and the corporate leaders can expect to be heavily fined and see their political and economic clout diminished

More significantly, if the prosecutions go forward, Korea's top political and husiness leaders will be put oo notice that the rule of law, which applies to their fellow citizens, will now apply to them as well.

The benefits of such a cleansing would

be broadly felt. Future governments would have less to worry about from military plotters. A new generation of politicians should find it easier to gain power. Companies would have to compete on the price and quality of their products rather than the size of their payoffs, and new entrepreneurs would have a fair chance to bid for government contracts.

For Korea to achieve these results, Mr. Kim must refrain from interfering with the investigations to protect his political allies or himself. Though Mr. Kim first made his name as an opponent of the Korean dictatorships, and endured years of house arrest for his outspokenness, he made his peace with the ruling party in 1990. In exchange, the party nominated him for president in 1992.

Korea has an opportunity today to establish itself as an East Asian model of prosperity and democracy built on a respect for law. Mr. Kim and his countrymen should oot settle for anything less. -THE NEW YORK TIMES.

#### **Amend Nuclear Course**

The Senate made a big mistake in its recent authorization of early deployment (by 2003) of a big-scale national defense against a missile attack from ...

That's the first part of the problem from where? Russia has plenty of loose weapons around but is out of the business of strategic threat. China lacks the capability. The rogue-bomb countries are restrained by their weak technological bases. The idea of a missile-proof umbrella over the cootinental United States, plus Hawaii and Alaska, plays on many people's imaginations. But the need is demonstrably remote, and research, vigilance and maintenance of the American deterrent can hedge the risks.

The second error is even larger. The vote undermines realistic steps that are being successfully taken to bring threatening missiles under control and dramarically reduce their numbers by way of the existing arms control treaties with the Russians. These mandate real, dramatic and continuing reductions in the world's most dangerous weapons. But even as the Russians under-reduce some weapons under Russian) efforts to induce others to disone treaty. Congress by its missile-defense ambitions threatens to bust another treaty own. Congress oeeds to work its way (the Ann-Ballistic Missile Treaty) so that back to the right nuclear course. the United States could neutralize their

remaining weapons. This is what American missile-defense enthusiasts ignore. Sam Nunn, one of the Senate's most sober and serious students of these strategic matters, warns of the "supreme folly" of a missile defense proposal that could induce Russia to scuttle arms reductions in the belief that Washington intended to break out of the ABM Treary.

The Cold War is over. There is no reason to think the economically diminished and politically disrupted Russians are planning an attack or are in a positioo to do so if they wanted to. But the fact remains that governments are extremely touchy about these delicate strategic arrangements, and a rude unilateral alteration in them can have unwanted and disturbing political consequences.

In this case, a Russia struggling to cope with the letdown from superpower status and empire could halt or slow the stillvital mutual arms cuts that were put in place by George Bush. That would undercut the example of disarmament that lies at the foundation of American (and arm or to forego nuclear weapons of their

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

#### **More Housecleaning**

The report released last week on Ruby Ridge by a Seoate subcommittee on terrorism is the first public account of that debacle, though at least seven other studies inside the FBI and the Justice Department have been completed and their cootents leaked. The report provides an evaluation of the terrible mistakes made in connection with the Idaho siege in which three people died.

Randy Weaver, the white separatist whose failure to appear for trial on gun charges precipitated the crisis, was at fault. Bin one law enforcement agency after another that became involved in the case handled it badly. A jury believed Mr. Weaver had been entrapped initially by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. That agency spread false information about his background — he had never been in trouble with the law — leading others to believe he was a violent felon and to overreact in response.

Attempts to approach the Weaver cab-in, where he lived with his wife, children and a friend, were planned poorly and then botched. The FBI authorized outrageous shoot-on-sight orders to its sharpshooters and then bungled both its responsibility to federal prosecutors in the case and internal investigations that ensued. The FBI lab was sloppy and unresponsive, the search of the crime scene was defective and the testimony of some law enforcement agents cootradictory.

The subcommittee makes suggestions for reform; many have already been put into effect by the FBI director, Louis Freeh. The report also questions the wisdom of having multiple investigative

agencies that sometimes duplicate efforts and trip each other up. The BATF will undoubtedly be the target of any reorganization, and in light of its mistakes, that would be warranted. The sensitive subject of alleged criminal actions taken by law officers was oot addressed by the senators, who didn't want to hinder possible prosecutions. Cover-up is the charge here, with the familiar disappearance of documents, misplaced loyalues and scapegoating. Five high officials of the FBI have already been suspended, and indictments are a real possibility. The subcommittee report should spur these related investigations and provide additional impetus for the internal housecleaning still to come.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

#### Other Comment

#### A Tent of Peace

Surely nothing would capture the imagination of young people everywhere than a gathering of all of us, standing together and declaring — and when I say all of us, I mean all the leaders of the Middle East, all the 20 of them, not one by one, but together - and declaring the end of war, the end of conflict.

Carrying the message to our forefa-thers and to our grandchildren that we are again, all of us, the sons and daughters of Abraham, living in a tent of peace, again.

- From remarks by Shimon Peres (The Washington Post)



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## The Ill-Tempered Gate-Closers Endanger America

NEW YORK — Take in the stranger. care for him. The major religions of the world all teach that. At the time of holidays - holy days - that might be virtue and responsibility coming together worth thinking about

The above paragraph is a blatant attempt to use religion, the holiday season, emotion, compassion and sentiment in the cause of a generous American immigration policy.

Yes, and it is an unashamed effort to call down the words of Jehovah, Jesus, Allah, Krishna, Buddha and the great Sikh gurus to smite and warn American politicians who fight to keep narrowing the opening in the gates of America.

They struggle, with all their sour passions, to treat legal immigrants as a special caste to be deprived of rights and privileges for the offense of being foreign-born.
Well — I really do not expect religion to

paganda mentors who want to create America in their image — America the Mingy, mean from shore to shining shore. But when the stranger sets immediately to build cities, take in crops and strengthen the country with his skills, culture and genius, we get that lovely combination -

move American politicians and their pro-

By A. M. Rosenthal

to promote our self-interest. That is what generous immigration gives us, a thought that might move Americans who sit by, not noticing its approaching demise.

As a holiday gift. I give you three particularly useful recent pieces on immigration.

Julian L. Simon, a professor of business at the University of Maryland, has put the essence of his noted immigration studies into 51 pages - "Immigration: the Demographic and Economic Facts." Here's a taste, backed by statistics, to answer the charges made by the gate-narrowers en route to their goal of

Despite the propaganda about America's being overwhelmed with immi-grants, the rate of immigration is about one-third what it was at the beginning of the century. Immigrants do oot increase the rate of unemployment among native-born Americans. Total per capita govemment expenditures on immigrants are

have been increasing every decade. Natural resources and the environment are not at risk from immigration - in fact, they are helped by the technical knowledge it brings.

You can get this report from the Cato Institute, a conservative think tank, at 1000 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001. It is excellent for smiting.

But the immigration issue is not just about statistics. Without immigration, America would not have long existed. Now, without immigration it cannot exist as a world power. Immigration helped create the weaponry and technology, from the atom bomb to the cruise missiles of the Gulf War that empowered America militarily.

Today, immigrants of genius are essential to American industry and high stan-dards of life. One-third of all U.S. Nobel winners are foreign-born and, judging by mathematical doctorates, science degrees, patents, prizes and publications, one-third of American geniuses are foreign-born. Those conclusions come from "Geniuses from Abroad" in the Wall Street Journal of Dec. 18, by George Gilder, a fellow of the Discovery Institute in Seattle. much lower than those for the nativeborn. The education levels of immigrants

It would be handy if the United States could just pick up geniuses full blown, rejecting all others at the gate.

But geniuses have a way of arriving in America disguised as little kids. Or they come from the wombs of nongenius immigrant mothers. That's the

way it works. But when an immigrant or immigrantfamily genius does flower, he turns out to be thousands of times more productive economically than ordinary people - a

reality ignored by too many economists. Then, for an idea how gate closers are endangering immigration and perverting the constitution, read the analysis of the anti-immigration measures now pending in Congress.

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Get it from the National Immigration Forum, 220 I Street, N.E., Suite 220, Washington D.C. 20002-4362. Then have a chat with your local Congress member, a lot of chats.

I wish I had a pulpit to instruct the antiimmigration types that their defiance of the religious commandments on the stranger weakens their country and, incidentally, endangers their immortal souls, but a column will have to do. The New York Times.

## Japan Bids Good Riddance to 1995, Year of Disaster and Scandal

TOKYO — Japan can't wait to see the end of 1995. After a year of doom and gloom, the Japanese government and public are hoping that at last the fallout from the Kobe earthquake, the urban terrorism linked to a bizarre religious cult and the Daiwa banking scandal will finally be put behind them.

The year 1995 will go down in history as the worst for Japan in a generation. Not since the first oil shock of 1973-74 has the nation experienced such anmoil and belatedly discovered that it does indeed have feet of clay. The self-congranulatory rhetoric of the re-cent past is dead. It is oo longer possible to speak breathlessly about the virtues of the Japanese industrial system or the purported harmony of its "unique" society.

The revealed faults of Japan's closed bureaucratic-business-political world have been an eyeopener for many Japanese, and it will be increasingly hard to stick

By Roger Buckley the old "iron triangle" state back together again. Criticism of the manner in which the top echelon of economic bureaucrats failed in its supervision of Daiwa. and about the still-unresolved issues of who should bail out the bankrupt credit unions, is

now widespread. The Japanese poblic sees fraud and connivance and is unlikely to swallow for much longer the myth that the Tokyo Universityeducated bureacrats have all the answers. Deference and obedience hardly accord with the searching questions being asked about why expressways buckled in the Kobe earthquake and why financial bureaucrats kept quiet over busted banks.

Clearly the postwar system that designed an economy and conditioned a nation to break its back for national reconstruction and growth is in jeopardy. The "iron

triangle" has produced only a prolonged recession and a confused public that has few heroes left.

Japan is not mad at its politicians; it never had many illusions about its elected officials in the first place, and the present confusions over political parties' swallowing their professed ideologies to gain office only confirms public cynicism.

It is rather the continuing saga

of the national economy and the all-too-visible inadequacies of the supposedly best and brightest bureaucrats that worry the Japanese public.

Corrupt politicians could be accepted as long as the men in dark suits from the ministries were in charge and knew which levers to pull to keep Japan Inc. afloat. Few Japanese now want anything to do with a more controlled Japan, except to outlaw religious cults that leave poison gas on the subway.

Many would be grateful, though, for some reassurance that Japan's leaders can get them out of their economic hole and stop the present demoralization. However, 1996 is likely to

bring partial remedies to some of The probability of a general

The unspooling

crises have been eye-opening for the Japanese public.

outcome of the contest between Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama's strange coalition and the opposition New Frontier Party, it will at least provide an opportunity to clear the air.

election is high. Whatever the

Japan may also see the longawaited upturn in its economic Herald Tribuner

forumes. Government forecasters have gotten egg on their faces in the past, but this time it does seem possible that the economy could actually rebound to achieve 2.5 percent growth in 1996, after adjustment for inflation.

While this is hardly a specwho recall an earlier Japan, it is decidedly good news for the many hard-pressed small businesses, struggling households and unemployed graduates.

Any funire Japanese government could therefore inherit an improving economy and a less anxious public mood.

Until then, however, Japan has to soldier on with its old pilot and a dispirited crew. The ship is not off the sands yet.

The writer, who teaches history at the International Christian University in Tokya, contributed this comment to the International

## Australians Confront Their Misgivings About Living With Asia

MELBOURNE — A large placard, urging Australians not to forget the murder in East. Timor of television crew members from Australia in October 1975, appeared on a busy Meibourne road soon after the recent signing of a security treaty with

Indonesia

The vocal body of opinion that the placard represents, the volley of protesting letters to newspapers and the serious doubts that have been expressed about the way the treaty was negotiated in absolute secrecy reflect the difficulty Australians have about living with Asia.

Australians have long been conscious that their country is vast, sparsely populated, vulnerable and far removed from traditional friends in Europe and

NEW YORK — Sometimes there is good news. The

Gap, under strong pressure from consumers and worker rights ac-

tivists, has agreed to allow in-

dependent observers, including

human rights officials, to mon-

itor working conditions in the factories in Central America in

If carried out in good faith,

the agreement would curb many of the abuses of the young and

mostly female workers who put

in long bours at very low pay in

the so-called maquiladora fac-

tories. These are independently

owned sweatshop operations that have been set up in free-

trade zones to produce goods for

large retailers in the United

The conditions are often mis-

erable. Forced overtime is common. Marathon shifts during

peak production periods can last

20 hours or more. Many of

the factories employ children.

which is illegal. And until now,

all attempts by workers to or-ganize and form unions have

Retailers always insist they

won't tolerate such abuses,

while at the same time claiming

to be unaware of them. When

the abuses are brought to light.

the companies mevitably shift

into a defensive poblic rela-

tions mode — their highest

priority being to ward off

the National Labor Committee

that was signed recently, has

moved beyond public relations.

The agreement says, "Gap and the NLC feel that it will he

helpful to use the Human Rights

Ombudsman's offices in El Sal-

The Gap, io an accord with

negative publicity.

been ruthlessly suppressed.

States and elsewhere.

which Gap clothing is made.

North America. Before World: accelerated since with the deter-War II, Australia clung tightly to Britain, its former colonial power. After the Japanese assault on oping much closer ties with Asia. Pearl Harbor, which brought the United States into the war, Aus-

tralia lonked across the Pacific for American help. Much of the country's subsequent military involvement in Asia - in the Korean War, in Vietnam, in Malaya during the

struggle against Communist insurgents in the 1950s and in support of Malaysia against Indone-sia's confrontation in the early 1960s - was intended to nurture those protective links with distant friends in the West.

Change began before the end of the Cold War and has been greatly

Protests Pinned the Gap to the Wall

By Bob Herbert

factory compliance with the Gap's 'Sourcing Principles and Guidelines.'

All of the major retailers have drawn up principles and guide-

lines - codes of conduct - for

their subcontractors to follow.

The guidelines are supposed to

protect the rights of workers and

The new agreement

sweatshop workers.

ensure humane conditions, but

they are routinely ignored. The

Gap, by signing this agreement,

is saying it will oo longer allow its guidelines to be ignored.

"This is an important step," said the U.S. labor secretary.

Robert Reich, in an interview.

"It is something of a water-

shed. The major retailers and

manufacturers have been some-

what rejuctant to police their contractors [in the United States]

and abroad. This raises the

question for other big retailers

who haven't moved in this

The agreement refers specif-

ically to the Mandarin Interna-

tional plant in El Salvador.

which recently crushed an at-

tempt by workers to form a union. Union leaders and many

The agreement says: "Man-

darin International has agreed to

meet face to face with nonwork-

ing union officials and workers

to negotiate and resolve their

differences. This meeting will

vador and other Central Amer- take place at the Ministry of

ican countries to monitor Labor in the presence of a rep-

union members were fired.

direction - why not?"

aims to protect

mined bid by Prime Minister Paul Kearing to go it alone in devel-

By Denis Warner

The treaty with Indonesia is the most spectacular manifestation of this policy trend. It says that the two countries will consult each other "in the case of adverse challenges to either party or to their common security interests, and, if appropriate, consider measures which might be taken either individually or jointly" in accor-

government. Indonesia's booming economy, which is growing at an annual rate of more than 6 percent, and its location between Australia and mainland Southeast Asia make it

resentative from the ombuds-

man's office. It is the fervent

hope of the Gap and NLC that

this meeting will result in the

offer of reinstatement to the sev-

en nonworking union leaders

agreement, but it is understood

that if a fair settlement cannot be

reached with the unioo workers,

the Gap will no longer do busi-

ness with Mandarin. And if the

Gap severs all ties to Mandarin,

other large companies can be

The pressure on the Gap and other retailers began in earnest last summer when two young maquiladora workers, on a trip

sponsored by the labor commit-

tee, toured several cities in the

United States and Canada. The

reaction to their plight was in-

tense. Consumers were out-

raged. Students joined in letter-

writing campaigns. Religious groups organized protests. Two rabbis from Congrega-

tion B'nai Jeshurun in New

York City wrote a letter to Don-

ald G. Fisher, chief executive

of the Gap and Banana Repub-

lic empire, which said, "Before

we publicly announce to our congregation that shopping at

the Gap and the Banana Re-

public is a violation of Jewish

ethical laws, we would like to

hear from you if there are any

plans to immediately correct

naghan, the executive director

of the National Labor Commit-

tee and the leader of the cam-

puign on behalf of the workers.
"People are not interested in

wearing clothes made by ex-

The New York Times.

ploited workers and children."

"This thing touched a ord," said Charles Ker-

those violations."

expected to do the same.

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tion of about 200 million exceeds population of 18 million.

Early in the next century, Ineconomic weight, providing extensive trading and investment opportunities for Australia. More importantly, Indonesia could be either a bridge or a barrier to any . threat from the north. For these reasons, the treaty

makes a lot of sense for Australia. However, public opposition to it is growing and the United States may not be entirely happy either. Australia and the United States are partners in the ANZUS mutual defense treaty. In the past, when Indonesia's expansionism under President Sukarno led to the threat of war over West Irian and to actual, if small-scale, fighting between Australian and Indonesian forces in Borneo, Washington did not conceal its concern that it might be drawn into a conflict in which its own vital in-

terests were not at stake. The wording of the new se-curity treaty does not commit Australia to action should Indonesia become involved militarily in the South China Sea (where Chinese claims overlap a huge Indonesian natural gas project) or elsewhere. But it does raise possibilities that must interest any U.S. administration.

Within Australia, the cloak of secrecy that surrounded negotiations on the treaty, and the fact that the Australian Parliament was not informed until after they were concluded, is a source of increasing criticism. The anti-Indonesian lobby in Australia is vo-

a country of great significance for cal and commands considerable strategic and economic planners space in the media. Any suggesin Canberra. Indonesia's popula-tion that a treaty with Indonesia was in the making would have led by more than 10 times Australia's to demonstrations designed to derail the negotiations.

Yet the secrecy raises disturbing donesia will be a power of major questions. "Is this the price for our becoming part of Asia?" asked secretary of the Australian Defense Department. 'The democratic mechanisms that we have long prided ourselves were a fundamental part of the heritage we took from the Western democratic tradition have simply been laid down to be walked over by a process of

> Despite the treaty, it is clear that a substantial number of Australians continue to regard Indonesia with doubt and suspicion. Indonesia, says a former Australian diplomat, "is not exactly a role model for emerging democracies in Asia or elsewhere."

stealth and preemption."

Yet, ratification of the treaty by Parliament is not in doubt. And its approval will mark a very long step forward for this still predominantly Anglo-Saxon country in the policy of engagement with Asia.

The writer, a former Asia cor-respondent for Australian and British newspapers, contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

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#### IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

#### 1895: Rights Denied

PARIS - Mme. Eugénie Potonié-Pierre has sent a petition to the Chamber of Deputies asking in the name of the Groupe de la Solidarité des Femmes for the repeal of Article 324 of the Penal Code and the right for women to sit on criminal juries. It has been rejected. The article in question states that in the case of adultery by the woman, murder committed by the husband upon the wife as well as upon her accomplice at the moment they are surprised together, is excusable.

#### 1920: Italians Worried

ROME - The passing of the Bill in Washington temporarily pro-hibiting immigration into the United States has alarmed the Italian

the Parliamentary Vigilance Board and the Permanent Emigration Committee to consider what steps may be taken. It is believed that pressing representations will be made to the Foreign Minister urging the necessity of diplomatic conversations with the United States on the subject:

#### 1945: Useful Technology WASHINGTON - One of the

Navy's most carefully guarded

war-time secrets, a navigational device using electronics to obtain extreme accuracy in fixing aircraft and ship position, is likely to be among the first war-inspired inventions to gain large-scale peacetime use. The device is known as Loran, from a shuffling of the letters in its description: long-range radio navigational aid. With Government. For many reasons range radio navigational aid. With emigration is a vital necessity for its use a ship in mid-ocean strrough Italy, and a dam raised against one of its principal currents constitutes overseas in heavy weather, can a serious economic danger. An ur- locate its position in minutes and gent joint meeting has been held of set a certain course for its port.

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## There's Just No Way Around Health and Taxes

WASHINGTON — If death and taxes are inescapable parts of life, health care and taxes have become an inescapable part of politics. Those issues will be around long after the current budget wrangle gets resolved. Look carefully at the travails of Bill Clinton in his first two years and the travails of the congressional Republicans now: So much of their trouble grew out of the confusion, anger and fear that these

The problem with the current budget fight is not the lies that each

The discontent that creates the demand for deficit reduction is not rooted in budget numbers.

side tells, but the fact that partial truths are used to keep the debate from focusing on the whole truth.

Oo health care, of course the Republicans are right to say that the costs of Medicare and Medicaid have to be contained. President Clinton said exactly the same thing when be presented his health care plan - at a time when the Republicans were insisting that there was oo health crisis.

But the real issue on health is not simply whether the cuts the Republicans propose are too deep, which even the staunchest deficit hawks believe they are. What matters most is how the country will deal with the larger paradoxes created by a health care system that is simultaneously a

smashing success and a mess. The genius of the health system - its ability to generate new breakthroughs in treatment, technology and research — is the very reason why it is so expensive. We AmerBy E. J. Dionne Jr.

icans like all the good parts, but we don't like the costs this magnificent contraption imposes on our own pocketbooks, on the government

and on our employers.

Given this disjunction, politicians will always have trouble with the health issue: They can either pretend that we can have it all for less, which hurts their credibility, or they can be honest that some trade-offs will have to be made, which costs them votes. Medicare and Medicaid are an important part of that question, but only a part. Whatever happens to those programs this year, you can be sure that politicians will revisit the health issue over and over.

On taxes, there is a strong case for a middle-class rax cut and an equally strong case for not cutting govern-ment revenues at all. These arguments need not be contradictory.

For the moment, the American economy is behaving differently from what we came to expect in the three fat decades after World War IL Growth is less evenly distributed than it used to be. Even as the economy produces jobs and profits, a lot of people in the middle and bottom correctly sense that their living standards are stagnating or skidding. That is why the slogan of John Sweeney, the AFL-CIO president — "America Needs a Raise" — will be popular.

One way to give middle-income workers a raise is for the government to take less out of their paychecks in taxes. Representative James Longley, a freshman Republican from Maine, made exactly that argument on ABC's "Nightline" last week. His defense of the Republicans' tax cut rested entirely on thetoric that the AFL-CIO might use about the need for government to belp ease the

ment. By correctly highlighting the problems faced by workers whose incomes are dropping, he ignored all those parts of the Republican tax proposal that confer new benefits on the well-to-do. A tax cut confined to those Mr. Longley mentioned would be a lot smaller than the one Congress passed.

Moreover, the Republicans cannot claim that their central purpose is to balance the budget in seven years if they simultaneously insist on cutting rament revenues by more than \$200 billion in the same period. If the Republicans took tax cuts off the table, the budget problem would be much easier to solve.

But both Mr. Longley and Mr.

Sweeney point to the right under-lying question: What needs to be argued about is whether the shape of the whole tax system is wrong, given that so many families are not getting the raise they would have a right to expect from economic growth. If the benefits of growth are more con-centrated at the top than they used to be, then the share of taxes paid by those in the middle and the bottom probably should go down.

There are a lot of ways to do this

without cutting government revenues and expanding the deficit for example, by readjusting the tax rates to make the code slightly more progressive; by moving away from regressive payroll taxes, and by closing loopholes that both distort the market and reward comparatively

The point here is not massive income redistribution, but precisely the opposite: to prevent a redistribution that further shrinks the middle elass. Proposing a mix of tax increases and tax cuts is a lot more pressures on average workers.

Mr. Longley bad a point, but there were two problems with his arguwere two problems with his argucomplicated than an argument m



Four trillion and seven hundred billion dollars ago."

more complicated argument does justice both to deficit reduction and to the legitimate claim of millions of Americans for some financial relief.

The point on both health care and

taxes is that no matter how this year's budget fight comes out, it will no more resolve the big issues than did the bloody battles over the Clinton budget of 1993 or the Bush budget of 1990. The popular discontent that creates the demand for deficit reduction also makes it harder to sell deficit reduction. That is because the discontent is not rooted in abstract budget numbers. It grows out of real worries about incomes living standards and health costs.

If the deficit debate evades those worries, no amount of negotiating or posturing will create popular support for an honest plan to reduce the red ink. We will just keep having this ugly fight again and again and again. The Washington Post.

By Guy Gugliotta

WASHINGTON --- You're in command of a cruiser, steermg a sinuous course to avoid marauding enemy submarines. Suddealy your port lookout spots a telltale trail of foam about 200. yards away and coming fast. "Torpedo off the port bowl" be

MEANWHILE

self as a demanding, inconsiderate tyrant, why not take a more considered approach?

Learn from the Navy Department's manual "Managing Fear in the Workplace."

"It is common to shoot from the hip and react to what the employee is saying." the manual says. "A leader who manages fear effectively is patient and understand-ing." Furthermore, "Managers should not kill the messengers; better yet, messengers should be rewarded."

So instead of acting hastily, you walk to the port wing, greet Seaman Jones with a hearty "Howsa family, kid?" and thank him for his vigilance: "Good work! Here's a Tootse it's health and the state of the seam of the sea

Then it's back to the manual: "Leaders must respond to employ-ees' concerns and ideas quickly," it says. "A quick response is the best incentive to keeping people communicating their concerns.

It is also the best way to stay alive, so go for it: "Yazah! Leit hard rudder!" you scream, confident now that you have made the correct decision while also cre-

ating trust among employees.
According to Linda Doherty, director of the navy's Total Quality

How the Navy Fights Sinking Feelings

Leadership. Office, "Managing Fear" is one of the office's enduring favorites. She cautions, however, that it is not designed for

captains in combat.

"When there are missiles in-Instead of yelling "Yazah! Left coming, there's not a lot of conhard rudder!" and exposing your-versation, "she said.

'Managing Fear' helps the navy with today's less romantie tasks: closing bases, mothballing ships, coming personnel and dealing with thousands of frightened, soon to be out of work employees. The idea is to apply "Total Quality Management" or TQM - to naval bureaucracy, except that naval officers lead,

Tather than manage.
Leadership, Ms. Doherty said, is management with an inspirational element, something in short

supply these days.

TQM embraces the businessspeak so popular with Vice President Al Gore; the House speaker. Newt Gingrich, and other hip, modern leaders in Washington. TQM is "re-engineering," "downsizing." "implementation, "'partnering' and 'mission ance."

Ms. Doberty acknowledged that much of it is common sense

dressed in exotic language. "In fear-based management cultures, people tend to focus on eliminating the threat," "Managing Fear" says. On the shop floor, they call this "my way or the

Ms. Doherty recommends thinking about the job. When an airplane comes in for an overhaul. instead of "different departments becoming involved along an assembly line," set up a team to do all the jobs. Everybody works together, regardless of department, seniority or rank.

This cots paperwork, avoids repetition and saves time and money. TQM measures - in dollars or hours — savings from innovative methods, Ms. Doherty said, and

"Managing Fear" is popular, she said, in part because of base

"Management should take the lead in speaking up about fear," the manual says. It's better to say: "We're elosing down in six months, and I'm interviewing at" K mart for a cashier's job" than "No sweat, we'll all get hired by the civilian contractor when they take over," which you know is a crock.

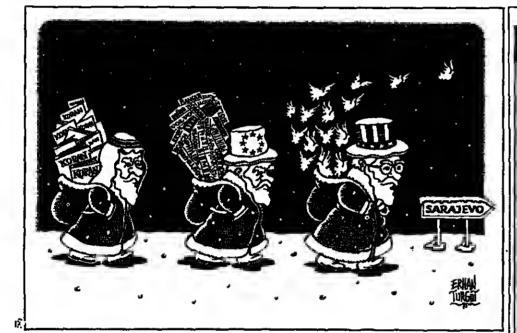
Although "Managing Fear" may not be useful in combat. Ms. Doherty said the fleet can use it in routine tasks "like getting under way" — the all-hands job of unmooring, making steam, saluting the admiral and navigating a nar-

row channel to open sea. "Excuse me, Chief," says Sea-man Jones. "Don't you think yon were a little short with Seaman Smith when be dropped the mooring line over the side a

moment ago?"
"SHORT??? That little (expletive) is lucky I didn't strap him to the (expletive) windlass and throw-the (expletive) switch!"

Wait a minute, Chief. Better look at "Some Attributes of a Leader" in "Managing Fear." Be 'a coach and counsel, not a judge." Also, a leader "does not expect perfection."

And clean up your act. The Washington Post.



#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Workers' Concerns

Regording "U.S.-British Capitalism or Europe's Model of Social Capitalism?" (Opin-ion, Dec. 15) by William Pfaff: The writer asserts that Amer-

ican living standards have fallen since 1980. In fact, data on real hourly compensation per worker, which includes the noowage portion of payrolls, show that private industry employees are now paid more than at any time in the post-World War II period, although reported real compensation gains have been relatively slow since the mid-1970s.

Most economists now agree that part of the apparent stagnation in compensation is measurement error in the index used to account for inflation. Broader measures of living standards, such as gross domestic product per capita, have cootinued to show strong improvements. Also, data on consumption show stronger growth than do compensation or income data

While some Americans are Calling behind, the Department of Labor's recent "Report on the American Workforce" illustrates that three-fourths of the vaunted decline in the middle class resulted from farmilies' moving into the upper elass between 1969 and 1993.

That Mr. Pfaff believes the pay of 434 executives somehow proves any point is disappointing. There are important public policy issues that need to be addressed as inequality grows in America. They have little or oothing to do with executive compensation, however high it may seem to the rest of us.

KENNETH L. DEAVERS,

The writer is chief economist of the Employment Policy As-

I found Mr. Pfaff's article and Russell Baker's "Downsizing the Dow" (Leisure, Dec.

15) refreshingly honest. The dirty secret: The prineipal beneficiaries of modern chitalism are bloated corporations and overpaid CEOs. The Chiapas rebellion, the French strike and similar displays of angst are reactions against the direction that the world is head-

ing. The security of normal people everywhere is croding now that Hollywood and Wall Street have taken over even Sweden. Having lived in different parts of Europe, the last thing I

want to see my country export is its economic philosophy. Americans have been living with much less social security for many years, yet a strike similar to the recent one in France would be unthinkable in the United States. It would be too "subversive." Simply put, American workers are expected to be docile suckers. SVEND A. WHITE.

Regarding "Woe to the Unreformed Welfare States" (Opinion, Dec. 19) by George

The recent strikes in France, Mr. Will would have us believe, are a stark warning to those who still think that goverrument has anything but a distant mediating role to play in the world economy.
Using ridiculous hyperbole,

he asserts that the welfare state has brought the French back to the "war of all against all" that Thomas Hobbes saw as the buman condition before the institution of government.

Mr. Will fails to mendon that

the strikers in France received very substantial popular support, even after weeks of strikerelated hardship. He also fails to mention the hundreds of thousands of students who demonstrated.

Persistent, massive unemployment is the big divider and cause of anxiety in French society. This is just as true for those who have not yet entered the labor market. They are afraid of conscription into the A Cigar Wrap-Up "reserve army of skilled work-ers" that Mr. Will apparently finds so salutary.

GEOFF MANSFIELD. Hong Kong.

Regarding "What Happens if There lsn't Any Work?" (Opinion, Nov. 29):

Richard Reeves writes of the growing disparity between the incomes of the rich and the poor, the CEOs, lawyers, doctors and brokers and the work-

we also see the phenomenon of social services under the ax everywhere, because govern-

ments no longer can afford them. We have seen socialism go down in flames. The cynical and corrupt men and women who learn to profit from any system dominated and beloed run it into the ground. Are those who are presently eliminating the American social safety net for their own gain any better than the nomenklatura?

As the American working class is shunted aside and American jobs channeled to societies with low wages and no environmental or worker-protection laws, as corporations worry only about shareholders and not the public at large, we are setting the stage for another

workers' revolution.

MARY P. LECHEVALIER. Morrisville, Vermont

Mexican Risk

Regarding "The Plot of This Mexican Thriller Is Simpler Than May Appear" (Opinion, Dec. 18) by Thomas Fried-

The most important point of Mr. Friedman's opera buffa is that "this drama is only unfolding on America's doorstep." What the United States does to decrease its con-sumption of illegal drugs and help Mexico eliminate the Mexican narco-lords will decide Mexico's future.

Until then, President Ernesto Zedillo is better off "hidden in his office with his calculator" rather than out with his people, as the writer Carlos Fuentes suggests. Calculators can't put three bullets in his head.

STANLEY A. WEISS. Phuket, Thailand.

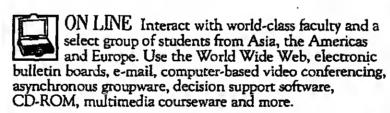
Regarding "Labor of Love and Profit Little Havana Cigars" (Leisure, Nov. 25): As a cigar aficionado, I took great offense at the writer's assertion that the Torpedo is "considered by connoisseurs to be among the best, if not the best cigar in the world."

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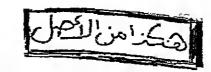
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By Dimitri Ehrlich

EW YORK — About a year ago, two middle-aged Englishmen were havoext venture should be. One was interested in exploring interactive computer technology; the other preferred to stick to more familiar terrain.

The two are founding partners in an or-ganization that has over 30 years earned hundreds of millions of dollars. Their names are Mick Jagger and Keith Richards, lead singer and guitarist, respectively, of the Rolling Stones. Their business is rock 'n' roll, and they have succeeded in creating, and marketing, it with unrivaled longevity.

Last year the Stones completed a world tour that set records for earnings, bringing in more than \$300 million. Now the band has simultaneously plunged forward into cyberspace

and backward into their musical past.
With the recent release of the "Voodoo Lounge CD-ROM" and the establishment of a World Wide Web site (http://www.stonesworld.com), the Rolling Stones dove headfirst into the realm of electronic media.

The band also took a long glance back with the release of "Stripped," a mainly acoustic album recorded during rehearsals and a few live performances from last year's tour.

"The intention was always that this was going to be an unpolished thing," Jagger said of "Stripped," "and not a great new studio thing, nor another album of stadium rock favorites, because we'd done that, so why do it

Several false starts and untidy bits of background ooise have been kept in, to preserve the album's intimacy and informality.

The idea for "Stripped" came to Richards while he was listening to tape recordings of the Rolling Stones's rehearsals for the Voodoo Lounge tour. "We were trying to decide what kind of live album to do," he said. "And someone said the magic word: 'acoustic.' Which, to me, doesn't oecessarily mean the instrument is made by Stradivarius. It means a certain kind of feel.

Indeed, "Stripped" is all about feel. Jagger's voice bas lost some of its pliancy, but his appeal as a singer has always had more to do with the charming, sneering attitude of his vocalizing than with any technical prowess.
What the Stones have done on "Stripped,"

in addition to remaking blues classics that have long been part of their live act, is to mine their own work for an album of loose, mellow "The Rolling Stones are always looking for renditions that showcase their quiet mastery as the Rolling Stones," Richards said.

Six of the 14 tracks on "Stripped" are

songs like Richards's solo tune "Slippin" Away" and the perennial prom favorite 'Angie," the band sounds more comfortable playing with restraint than ever before.

We're still learning about tempo," said ing a discussion about what their Richards. "It's all live and learn. We're on the edge. We could fall over at any minute."

The Rolling Stones are often criticized for being past their prime, but the reason has little to do with the group's musicianship. The perception among critics is that Jagger and Richards are no longer able to write with the same degree of inspiration that produced their classic work and have essentially been rehashing the same material for years.

Perhaps, with the release of the CD-ROM,

the Stones were seeking to imbue their image with a renewed sense of hipness. But with features like biographical sketches of the blues musicians who influenced the group, the CD-ROM ends up emphasizing the arcane.

Jagger and Richards, who have known each other since childhood, have come to embody opposite aspects of the Rolling Stones's persona. Once a student at the London School of Economics, Jagger has long been computer literate and was deeply involved in the planning and execution of the CD-ROM.

During a recent interview at a New York City hotel, Jagger, dressed in a tweed jacket and sipping tea, appeared more like an ex-hausted college professor than the man whose name has become synonymous with rock

ICHARDS, on the other hand, would not easily be mistaken for an academic. A week later, decamped at another Manhattan hotel, Richards drank vodka and cranberry juice and smoked

Although Richards was initially less enthusiastic than Jagger about the CD-ROM project, "Stripped" was clearly a unified effort. In addition to the striking level of musical chemistry at work on it, there is a sense of vulnerability and tenderness in the songs that only the most amateur or the most confideot players can afford to display.

The appeal of the Rolling Stones has always owed much to the balance between cleverness and soulfulness, between Jagger's craftsmanship and Richards's instincts. That balancing act has allowed them to make music for the masses that has also had critical credibility.

Because these elements of intellect and instinct have remained in flux, the band's sound has never stagnated.

Dimitrí Ehrlich, a contributing editor at ballads, and the sped-up pace that has marred Interview magazine, wrote this for The New some past live albums is slowed. On love York Times.



Adrian Lester as Bobby in the Sam Mendes production of Stephen Sondheim's "Company" at the Donmar Warehouse.

## Pulp Playwrights and Poker: '95 on Stage

By Sheridan Morley national Herald Tribun

ONDON - So what kind of a year have we had in the London neater? Violent for a start: The most influential director around has been neither Sam Mendes nor Stepheo Daldry but Quentin Tarantino, who without leaving California has managed to condition a whole generation of young British playwrights. It is hard to believe that without him we'd

have had "Mojo" or "Bruises" or "Blasted" or far and away the best of them all, "Gangster No. 1" by Louis Mellis and David Scinto, two young first-time dramatists who gave Peter Bowles the role of his career in a Soho shootout that I cannot believe will be much longer in transferring to the West End, and then I'd guess Hollywood, thus rounding the vicious circle that began there with Tarantino himself.

Two of these plays ('Bruises" and 'Blasted') were the work of women, but elsewhere it has been a blokish sort of a year with at least two plays ("Deal-er's Choice" and "According to Hoyle") entirely set around poker ta-bles, and many others devoted to the joys of bashing the living daylights out of your nearest and dearest.

When Timberlake Wertenbaker tried the revival of the year.

for a more elegant and, some would say, feminist social debate about the price of arenthood versus the cost of careers "The Break of Day"), she was rapidly ismissed by critics, leaving the field to such male counterparts as David Edgar ("Pentecost," dealing with art versus communism) and Ronald Harwood 'Taking Sides," art versus the Nazis and then the Americans in 1945 Berlin). Tom Stoppard's lyrical farewell to the Raj, "Indian Ink," was much under-rated while "Steward of Christendom,"

#### LONDON THEATER

despite Donal McCann's brilliant performance, struck me as a character in search of a play. Michael Frayn also came up with a new play, "Now You Know," vastly more intelligent than my colleagues would allow, though if I had to choose a single script of the year it would undoubtedly be David Hare's

heartbreaking love story "Skylight."

Musicals were in unusually bad shape. So, as usual in times of crisis in the pit, it was back to Sondheim whose "A Little Night Music" at the National gave us a new group of Supremes (Judi Dench, Patricia Hodge, Sian Phillips), while his "Company" came into the Warehouse at Christmas to prove itself

plays by Jonathan Harvey wherever you shows playing in London. looked and David Greer's "Burning Among the women w Blue" which faltered at the Haymarket but triumphed in smaller venues as a homosexual rethink of "A Few Good Men" or "Caine Mutiny" for the '90s. The National continued to triumph under Richard Eyre, who perhaps announced his 1997 departure rather too early, thereby creating a needless vacuum of almost two years; but the RSC under Adrian Noble seemed to be in continuing midlife crisis, with a catas-Barbican for half of every year.

Villain of the year was, as usual, John Major's government, which persisted in clawing back from the arts whatever the lottery had bestowed on them, so that we are now in the ludicrous position of having millions of pounds floating around for capital projects that nobody really wants to build, and less money than ever for the companies which will have to inhabit them.

Performances of the year included the aforementioned McCann and Bowles, the great Gambon in "Volpone" and the state of our commercial rather than 'Skylight," Daniel Massey as a haunting, haunted Furtwängler, Simon Rus-sell Beale as Stoppard's Guildenstern Broadway map. and Johnson's Mosca, and Terry John-son, was undoubtedly the director- Year,

Gay theater had a good year, with new dramatist, with no less than three of his

Among the women were Maggie Smith back by popular demand in "Three Tall Women," Zoe Wanamaker definitive as the mother in Tennessee Williams's "The Glass Menagerie," Maria Friedman in a stumming solo conservation of the Whitehall Finnes Charles at the Whitehall Finnes Charles cert at the Whitehall, Fiona Shaw and Geraldine McEwan in "Way of the World" while Shaw went on alone to a memorable "Richard II," Diana Rigg as "Mother Courage," Sheila Gish in "Company," Dench in "Absolute trophic decision to pull back from the Hell," all as close to perfect as makes no

> N unusual number of theater companies are now on the move because of restricting at home base, not least the Royal Court, which will occupy the Am-bassadors and the Duke of Xonk's for the whole of '96; but we still have a realestate simation around the West End where not nearly enough theaters are owned by producing managements, and unless we start paying some attention to subsidized theater, Shaftesbury Avenue

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young lovers kiss; everything is ceding farther with each new Collins in the 1960s and Vic-bathed in a Technicolor golden dose of reality. But the longing toria Williams in the 1990s. Rose, 1989 and Br'er Rabbit fondness for tangents or hidden remains, and it is the essence of Brian Wilson and Van Dyke Parks's new album "Orange Crate Art.

Wilson, 53, shaped the modem California mythos as the long-shor songwriter and voice of the Beach Boys. Although his own psyche was deeply troubled, his Herald MERNATIONAL Cribune songs were a vision of sun-swept pleasure, of California girls and good vibrations, with pealing guitar chords and cas-cades of vocal harmony. If you would like to receive further information on

Parks, 52, is best known for writing the lyrics of the Beach "Heroes and Villains" and "Surf's Up." The songs were to have been part of 'Smile," the Beach Boys album Wilson partly destroyed in a fit of paranoia after a mys-

terious studio fire in 1967. He has had sundry film-scoring jobs, like the arrangements allusions to a broad sweep of for Robert Altman's "Pop- U.S. history. Its successors

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But he has also released five ambitious, elaborate albums of

his own, having been kept on through the years by Warner Brothers Records despite his commercial prospects. ("Orange Crate Art' may conclude that association: Parks s loogtime producer, Leonard Waronker, was one of those who left Warner Brothers this year in the label's corporate shake-up.)

Parks has been pop's answer to Charles Ives, adapting and layering idioms from parlor songs to calypso to gospel and sending them through chromatic labyrinths.

During the psychedelic late 1960s, Parks's debut album, 'Soog Cycle.' used an orchestra to accompany songs that were full of Joycean puns and " and has turned up as a were nearly as elaborate, ex-

tales ("Jumpl," 1984). "Orange Crate Art" is large-

ly Parks's album. He produced

one of the 12 tracks, building them around Wilson's voice. **UT Wilson transforms** burns, he has been an unprepossessing singer). Wil-son's voice is itself a piece of

Americana. Its timbre carries most pop listeners back to his Beach Boys hits, and Parks indulges his love of chromaticism by stacking up vocal harmonies that ooh and ah like the creamiest Beach Boys arrangements. "Sail Away," about setting off for the Caribbean, can't help evoking the Beach Boys'

'Sloop John B." The songs move at a midtempo lilt, with tinkling glockenspiels and strummed acoustic guitars, like a gentle California calliope. Echoing mid-1960s Sacramento. There are also love Beach Boys albums, the songs songs without geographical also come complete with the occasional low hoot of a bass harmonica. In relaxed, tuneful conscious of time passing a

And like the labels on fruit

crates, which show sundrenched fields of abundance, and arranged it and wrote all but the songs on "Orange Crate Art" present a California free of poverty or tensions.

UT Wilson transforms

The Beach Boys' "Pet
Parks's songs (on Sounds," Parks's "Song CyParks's previous alcle" and the remnants of the "Smile" collaboration sound anxious and hallucinatory compared with the cozy songs on Orange Crate Art.

Now, youthful agitation has given way to codgers' comforts.
Wilson sings about young love and remembered paradises from the vine of a vintage cru," as the title song says, although that song does mention in passing "grapes of wrath" and bracero farm workers.

Other songs reminisce about childhood summers in Monterey, a fling in San Francisco of the Gold Rush and dates at the movies somewhere near

The tone is autumnal, always conscious of time passing and



Van Dyke Parks, left, and Brian Wilson turn nostalgic.

fantasies crumbling. One song is called "Hold Back Time," Boys summers. Bot on the lead wocals, although Wilson's tone is still unmistakable, his voice Cokes and jokes at the diner/ Time was a magazine.

"Movies Is Magic," introduced by a "Gone With the Wind" fanfare, has the slowrolling groove of a doo-wop love song, but it declares that off screen, "Life is so tragic/

And as time goes flyin' by/You will often wonder why."
Intentionally or not, Wilson's lead vocals add intimations of mortality. The backup harmonies, supplied by session singers on four songs and by Wilson on the rest, are ethereal

is no longer the pure, boyish, effortless instrument that it once seemed to be. On "Orange Crate Art,"

Wilson has to work to hit notes, and there are rough edges and slurred syllables, the inevitable ravages of time.
Genial and wistful, "Orange Crate Art" is about the end of a few eras. It's affable, easygoing

pop at a time when melodrams rules the charts.

It's a vision of a California that is unlikely to return, if it ever existed at all.

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## U.S. Sidesteps NAFTA Provisions As Election Nears, Washington Is Leery of Mexico Trade

By Paul Blustein

sions to avert some of the painful consequences of falling trade barriers in politically important states such as Mr. Kantor, who served as Mr. Clin-ton's campaign chairman in 1992, said be California at Los Angeles, shows that

The White House is heading into the 1996 election feeling vulnerable on NAF-TA, which has failed to produce the trucking issue and other disagreements hoped-for boom in U.S. exports because

F. Peña, citing highway safety concerns, announced an indefinite delay in a NAF-TA provision that would have allowed Mexican trucks to start traveling freely throughout Southwestern border states in a few weeks. Mr. Kantor has also helped Florida tomato growers by tightening restrictions on Mexican tomato imports.

According to a number of trade spepleasant political fallout - even by circumventing rules of an accord President Bill Clinton championed.

These specialists say the moves could Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — For two years, since the North American Free Trade Agreement went into effect, the White House has proclaimed that free trade between the United States and Mexico is an unqualified success.

But in receot weeks, U.S. officials have begun sidestepping key NAFTA provisions to avert some of the painful consultation. White America's overall economic interests by inducing Mexico or other trading partners to drag their feet, these problems — they say the peso crisis and the Mexican economic slump would have occurred anyway — Mr. Climton's predictions that NAFTA would quickly add 200,000 new U.S. jobs has proven exceedingly optimistic. Mr. Kantor and other White House officials often say that we will be attributed to NAFTA, but that assertion is based on figures that include a control of the painful coneventually burt America's overall eco- NAFTA has been unfairly blamed for

was motivated purely by public-spirited considerations in his dealings on the with Mexico. "This has nothing to do with Mexico is stuck in a deep recession.

The clearest illustration of the administration's new tack came last week when U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kan-

> emerge as a political liability in 1996. The peso crisis last winter sent the Mexican economy reeling, causing U.S. off about 3,200 workers at eight plants in

the Southeastern United States.

American jobs lost this year because of U.S.-Mexico trade — about 150,000 roughly canceled out the jobs gained in 1994 — about 170,000.

It cannot be said that Ross Perot's forecast of American factory jobs disappearing in a "giant sucking sound" has proven correct. On the contrary, about U.S. Trade Representative Mickey KanBut Mr. Kantor and other White House proven correct. On the contrary, about tor and Transportation Secretary Federico officials are worried that NAFTA could 300,000 more Americans are employed in manufacturing today than in January 1994, when NAFTA took effect.

But White House officials are worried exports to Mexico to fall by nearly 10 oonetheless. One official, bemoaning percent this year and turning the U.S. how effectively the Republican presidentrade surplus with Mexico into a deficit, tial candidate Pat Buchanan has been critical. Some job losses have occurred, ootably at icizing NAFTA, added, "Buchanan may the underwear maker Fruit of the Loom not be a serious presidential threat, but he According to a number of trade specialists, the actions show how eager the Farley, had supported NAFTA as a ponext few months." It was against this administration is to reduce NAFTA's un-tential spur to exports. But two months backdrop that the White House weighed ago, Fruit of the Loom said it would lay the prospect of Mexican trucks being al-

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## German Unions Offer Flexibility To Aid Economy

unions are showing signs of flexibility by proposing steps aimed at lowering the country's stub-bomly high unemployment rate. but they vowed not to budge on social benefits.

Klaus Zwickel, head of Germany's largest union, the IG country's efforts to become Metall metalworkers union, sug-gested during the weekend that 80,000 new jobs could be created if employers compensated overtime hours with free time rather than pay.

The German jobless rate hit 9.3 percent in November, rising from 9.2 percent in October. Noting that Germans worked about 250 million extra hours in 1995, Mr. Zwickel said that this would translate into 150,000 iobs and thus could spur iob creation without expanding

production. Mr. Zwickel's suggestion follows his so-called Alliance for Jobs plan, where workers would agree to forgo real pay rises in 1997 in return for the creation of 300,000 jobs and a government promise not to cut benefits.

Metal-industry employers and the union plan to discuss the proposal on Jan. 8, but the white-collar union, DAG, on Tuesday proposed to put the formula into practice this year.

Roland Issen, the DAG chief, suggested the union would be mands in return for firm commitments on jobs creation.

In return for employers' firm commitments on securing jobs, the DAG union would be willing to absorb some costs involved in such steps by accepting a lower wage increases, Mr.

Mr. Issen added that job flexibility could also be useful in

flexibility could also help drive FRANKFURT - German down the country's high unemployment rate.

But union leaders also warned they would not tolerate any attempts to curb social benefits during upcoming wage rounds. "Germany's social benefits should not fall victim to the

more efficient." Mr. Issen said. The Alliance for Jobs program was proposed to begin with the 1997 wage round. Policymakers have also largely agreed that 1995's high

wage agreements, with raises averaging around 4 percent, helped keep unemployment rates high. The powerful German

unions are aiming at forcing companies to drop overtime work to give workers more free time, their main representative. Dieter Schulte, said Monday.

Mr. Schulte, president of the Confederation of German Unions, told correspondents that if the present amount of overtime worked were to be cut in half, that would make it possible to create 800,000 jobs. His confederation groups 16 unions and had 9.8 million members at the end of last year.

(Reuters, AFX, AFP) ■ VAT Increase Urged

The head of the German govemment's economic advisory panel, Herbert Hax, has proposed that the German valueadded tax rate, the lowest in Europe, should be increased; Agence France-Presse reported. The current ordinary rate is

In an article that is to be published on Wednesday in the Bild newspaper, Mr. Hax said that higher VAT would be acceptable only if the receipts were reserved for financing "a reform of business taxation, which He added that greater job has long been obsolete."

## Labor Chief: Nothing Secedes Like Excess

By Frank Swoboda Washington Past Service

WASHINGTON - As Labor Department secretary and a chronicler of modern economic history, Robert B. Reich says he is concerned about the future role of U.S. college graduates. He fears they will be tempted to join what he sees as the growing ranks of an isolated economic elite.

His message to University of Maryland graduates last week at a commencement was simple; Don't do it.

The divide between America's haves

dividual is likely to reside.

the top 20 percent of nation's wage earners gathering momentum and it threatens our nation's prosperity and its stability." - prosper, Mr. Reich said that the top economic class was beginning to withdraw

becoming the major factor determining on resisting efforts to spread their taxes outside which side of the economic tracks an in- their own communities, be charged: "It willing to scale back wage demay not be a conscious secession. The Painting a hleak picture of U.S. workers succession of the successful America has falling steadily behind economically while been unplanned and undeclared. But it is

nation's prosperity and its stability."

Mr. Reich said: "With the degree you will soon receive, many of you have been from public society. He said the richest handed a ticket to secede, if you wish to. Americans were walling themselves off But let me urge you to resist. Not because from the rest of society—living in enclosed commencement speakers are obligated to suburban communities, shopping in secure offer lofty sentiments. But because you suburban malls and working in industrial will not want to live in a society sharply and have-nots is growing and education is parks outside the nation's cities. They are divided between winners and losers."

#### MEDIA MARKETS

## **Boom Times for Phone Lines** |

By Mark Landler New York Times Service

EW YORK -- For Guy Phillips, life with a single telephooe line finally became untenable eight months ago. Mr. Phillips, the bost of a radio talk show in St. Louis, said he could no longer chat on the phone at home without constant being interrupted by calls for his wife or three children - not to mention the two hours a day he was tying up the line himself by sending and

receiving electronic mail.

So the Phillipses did what nearly 7 million other American families have dooe this year:

They had additional lines installed.
"Without the lines that I have oow, I would feel as though I was back in the Dark Ages," Mr. Phillips said by telephone over one of the three lines in his house.

In the biggest single-year increase in new the company's headquar residential phone lines in the United States and his home in Illinois. since the end of World War II, the percentage of households with more than one line has several long-smoldering information-age forces have ignited into a social phenomenon.

Three decades ago, it was the two-car garage. This year, the two-phone-line house-hold became commonplace as facsimile machines, home offices and computer modems have proliferated.

Indeed, much of the fuss surrounding the still tied up in Congress concerns the rules that \$45,000 for all homes with phones. will govern the competition for putting more lines into American homes.

"It's an absolute explosion," said Fred

Voit, a telecommunications analyst at Yankee Group, a market-research concern in Boston. He predicted that by 2000, as many as half of America's 97 million households would have two or more phone lines.

The Phillipses decided on three so that one could be set aside for Mr. Phillips's computer, on which he spends two hours a night browsing through tips from other radio talk-show hosts that are distributed on a data service called Radio Online. One line is shared by their children, and the third is open for household calls or for Mr. Phillips's wife to check in on the medical-supply company she runs.

For some homes, even three lines is not enough. Consider Joe Wilson, national sales manager of Cabot Safety Corp. When he is not out making sales calls, he says, be spends most of his time at his personal computer, sending or receiving electronic mail and faxes between the company's headquarters in Massachusetts

Wheo the Wilsons moved into their new house, they ordered four lines from their phone nearly doubled this year, to 16 percent, as company, Ameritech Corp.: one for personal calls, one for business calls, one for the family's on-line services and one for Mr. Wilson's faxes and electronic mail.

Ownership of an extra telephone line naturally is skewed toward affluent families. The average 1995 income of multiple-phone-line households is estimated at \$62,000 by IDC/ Link Resources, a market-research company in overhaul of telecommunications laws that is New York, compared with an average of Unless a phone company offers a promo-

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### GE Capital Buys Insurer From Aon

STAMFORD, Connecticut General Electric Capital Corp., in its latest move to increase its life insurance business, agreed to buy Aon Corp.'s Life Insurance Co. of Virginia unit for \$960 million in cash.

The acquisition would add about \$9 billion in assets to GE Capital's GNA Corp. insurance subsidiary, bringing its total assets to \$30 billion. The sale comes as Chicago-

based Aon focuses on more profitable businesses, such as nsurance consulting. As part of that strategy. Aon said last month it would sell its Union Fidelity Life Insurance Co. to GE Capital for about \$400 million in cash.

The latest acquisition "is key to GNA's corporate strategy to help people build, protect and transfer wealth," said Patrick Welch, GNA's president.

The Virginia unit sells annuities, a retirement investment plan, life insurance and guar-anteed investment contracts, which guarantee a fixed return on a lump-sum investment.

The deal is expected to clos during the first half of 1996, subject to regulatory approvals. (Bloomberg, Reuters)



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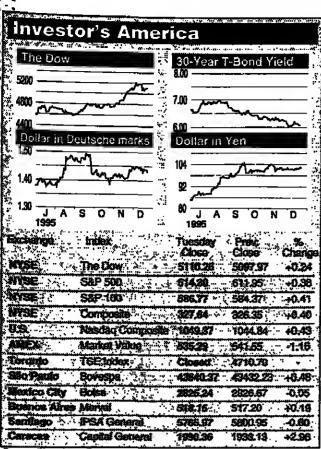
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#### Very briefly:

- Pier 1 Imports Inc. said a financial consultant's "inappropriate trading activities" caused it to record a \$20 million pretax loss. The company did not specify when the trading occurred or in which quarter the loss would be taken, but it said the loss would "not materially affect liquidity or the company's operations."
- AT&T Corp. agreed to sell its Chicago headquarters building and a connecting building, the USG Tower, to a Singapore pension fund. AT&T declined to confirm the price, but a person familiar with the transaction put it at about \$540 million.
- · Petróleos Mexicanos said revenue from domestic fuel sales in 1995 would be 113.7 billion pesos (\$15.02 billion). The state-owned oil company did not provide figures for the like period last year.
- Nucor Corp. raised the price of hot rolled steel from its Crawfordsville, Indiana, mill by \$10 a ton, saying that demand had strengthened. Analysts said the move, which followed recent price cuts by Nucor on cold rolled steel, could signal a reversal of the price-cutting pressure in the industry.
- The Federal Open Market Committee voted 10 to 1 last month to keep monetary policy unchanged, but members were divided over how long the moderate pace of economic growth would continue, according to minutes of the Nov. 15 meeting. The committee meets each mooth to review interest rates; minutes are AP, AFX, Bloomberg, Reusers

#### **Weekend Box Office**

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES -- "Waiting to Exhale" was the top U.S. movie

	ver the weekend. Following		
	1. Waiting to Exhale	(20th Century Fox)	\$1.4.3 million
	2. Toy Story	(Disney)	\$12.3 million
	3. Jupani	(Tri-Star)	23] elliku
_	4. Grumpier Old Men	(Warner Bros.)	\$7.5 million
•	5. Father of the Bride Part II	(Touchstone)	\$7.1 officer
	6. Heat	(Womer Bros.)	\$7 million
	7. Sabring	(Paramount)	S6.3 million
٠	* 8, Sudden Death	(Universal)	\$5.1 million
	9. Tom and Huck	(Disney)	\$3.6 million
	"10, (fie) Dracula: Dead and Loving If	(Columbia)	\$2.8 oillion
	Cutthroat Island	(Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer)	52.8 effici

## A Tough Sell for Kmart's New Chief Telephone Issues

By Jennifer Steinhauer New York Times Service

TROY, Michigan - What is the toughest

Floyd Hall, who was installed in June as chief executive of the embattled Kmart on Wall Street. Analysts wonder how committed he can be to his joh if he refuses to put down roots in Michigan, where Kmart is based, and jets off instead to Montclair, New

Jersey, on weekends to be with his family. They also question his judgment in taking a nine-day junket with other retail executives this fall through the Far East, Cuba and Russia while things at Kmart were falling

Still others worry that he is a hit of a soft touch.

"He has a sort of avuncular nature," said Barry Bryant, the senior director of equity research at Rodman & Renshaw in New York. "But you wish be projected something tougher.

More fundamentally, Wall Street critics complain that Mr. Hall has failed to articulate a coovincing strategy for turning around the discount chain that captured the hearts of American shoppers with its low prices and folksy style long before Wal-Mart Stores Inc. buildozed its way across the country - and created the eotire discount store world's greatest headache.

all wrong. He does have a strategy, a very detailed one, he says. It is geared to a very specific demographic group — young mothers. He is implementing it at about two dozen test sites across the United States, and it seems to be working: Sales and profit margins at those stores are up strongly, he said. So why hasn't he gotteo the message cross to investors? 'I didn't spell this out

Mr. Hall said he thinks he can prove them

for analysts because at the time we were be candid and honest, it doesn't mean you New York Stock Exchange trading late term strategy will be for wooing shoppers.

NEW YORK — The dollar slid against

most major currencies Tuesday, as traders

awaited the resumption of budgets talks

Wednesday between Congressional staff

Traders said they expected little real

movement by the dollar before the next

meeting on Friday between President Bill

Clinton and Republican Congressmen. Trad-

ing was light as most European markets

don out," said Karl Halligan, currency trader at CIC Bank New York. "The main kernel is still progress on the U.S. budget.

As long as there is deceot news, the dollar

will hang in. I think by the end of the week

it will look positive," he said.

"It's very quiet with Germany and Lon-

were closed for the Christmas weekend.

White House officials.

impression on Wall Street, Mr. Hall does task before the man with the toughest job in look good on paper. From the mid-1970s American retailing? Selling himself, it until the early 1980s, he ran B. Dalton until the early 1980s, he ran B. Dalton Booksellers. Then he moved on to Target, where he was chief executive from 1981 until 1984. Later he was credited with Corp., has had anything but a honeymoon turning around the Grand Union supermarket chain.

But in the Darwinian struggle for survival that American retailing has become, Kmart is grappling with such deep-rooted problems that it could become only the most recent in a succession of stores that the United States has decided it can live without.

For 11 consecutive quarters it has posted disappointing earnings. In the fiscal year ended last Jan. 25, Kmart swung into a modest profit of \$296 million, on sales of \$34 billion, from a loss of \$974 million, oo sales of \$36.7 billion, the previous year. But it has lost a total of \$151 million in the first

three quarters of the current fiscal year. The only way Kmart bas been able to get sales up has been to cut prices so low that its margins are squeezed to near zero.

The reason for its distress, most people agree, is the sorry state of many of its 2,200 stores: At least 500 of them are aging, beatup buildings in undesirable locations, full of dated merchandise and beset by poor

All the while, giant Wal-Mart and fastexpanding Target, a unit of Dayton Hudson Corp., are luring Kmart's customers away with bigger, brighter, cleaner and better-stocked stores. Unlike Kmart, both rivals enjoy sophisticated inventory technology and, unlike Kmart, Wal-Mart has the clout to force suppliers to lower prices. Kmart also suffers from a corporate bureaucracy that is as dated and inflexible as it is

As a result, the stock has taken an unrelenting beating, and eveo value investors trying to get to the second level of test who place their money in pummeled stocks marketing," he said. "While you want to have unloaded Kmart in recent mooths. In who place their money in pummeled stocks

Dollar Slips as Market Awaits Budget Talks

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French francs from 4.9195, and to 1.1540

Swiss francs from 1.1573. The pound rose to

Mr. Clinton and Republican lead

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

ers of Congress are trying to agree on a plan

to balance the budget within in seven years.

Their dispute over how to do that has led to

a partial shutdown of the government, the

With public opinion polls showing that

\$1.5600 from \$1,5430.

second in two months.

Bond-rating agencies have downgraded its bonds or threatened to do so. And factors - companies that insure payments of goods shipped by suppliers - have increased their premiums on shipments, in some cases hy as much as 50 percent.

Mr. Hall inherited this mess from Joseph Antonini, who was forced from the chief executive's job in March. Mr. Antonini fended off shareholder revolts for months, in part by the force of his confident, even

blustery, public persona.

Mr. Hall, by contrast, is publicity-shy and given to mumbling and obfuscation in dealing with Wall Street. But past successes suggest that if anybody can salvage Kmart, he is probably the man.

Consider what he accomplished at Grand Union, the battered grocery chain that he took over in 1984 just after it closed 400 stores and lost \$115 million. By spiffing up its inventory and setting its finances in order, he was able to steer the company into the black within four years. After that, in the mid-1980s, he organized the startup of The Museum Co., a successful specialty

store that sells museum reproductions.
"If Kmart is to survive," said Ronald Lunde, the former vice president of mer-chandising for Grand Union, 'they picked absolutely the perfect guy to effect the turnaround."

So far, Mr. Hall is showing himself to be adept at maneuvering Kmart out of tight corners. Last week his management team negotiated a delay in a \$548 million bond payment that, had it been called, would almost surely have sunk the company. The agreement came after lengthy negotiations and cost Kmart a fourth-quarter charge against earnings of \$70 million to \$100

Board stocks. Repsol fell ½ to 32% and Silicon Graphics fell ½ to 28½.

Telephone stocks surged afmillion. And after months without a chief financial officer or a chief of merchandising, Mr. Hall has finally filled both jobs.

But those were short-term, tactical moves. The big question is what Mr. Hall's long-

Khan, currency trader at Bank of Tokyo in New York. Mr. Clinton seeks smaller cuts

The budget deficit and the political

But Mr. Khan said foreign investors saw

wrangling over cutting it deters foreign investors from buying U.S. assets, traders

U.S. stock and bond prices, he said.

and analysts say.

in social spending than Republicans do.

# have to give away all of your competitive advantage." Although he has failed to make a good impression on Wall Street Mr. Hall does in the st

NEW YORK - Stocks advanced Tuesday, led by telephone issues and blue chips, on investors' expectations that earnings would rise and interest rates remain low.

Only 217 million shares changed hands on the Big Board as many investors extended the three-day Christmas eekend.

The Dow Jones industrial average gained 12.29 to close at

Index rose 2.34, to 614.30, while the Nasdaq Composite Index climbed 2.47, to 1049.36. Advancing issues outpaced declining stocks on the Big Board by a 5-to-4 ratio. The week between Christmas

and New Year's Day is historically a strong one for U.S. stocks, with share prices risingin 32 of the past 42 years... A post-Christmas rally is tra-

ditionally fueled by end-of-theyear bonuses, contributions to individual retirement accounts and 401 (k) retirement plans, and year-end portfolio rearrangements by money managers. Repsol American depositary

receipts and Silicon Graphics were among the most active Big

ter regional Bell companies fought off congressional limits on their ability to sell local and long-distance service simultaneously, while oil shares rallied as the price of Texas crude oil remained above \$19 a barrel.

"People are more bullish now than they have been in two years," about economic growth, low rates and the outlook for further stock-market gains, said Robert Dickey, managing director and market analyst at Dain Bosworth Inc. in Minneapolis.

Among the telecom gainers were three regional Bell companies: Nynex rose 11/8 to 513/4. Bell Atlantic rose 11/2 to 67 and US West Communications Group rose 11/2 to 35%.

an eventual settlement of the budget dispute as 'a potential windfall for the dollar.' An Bells gained their own sex accord would extend the recent rallies of appeal in the past six or 12 months" among investors AIDS detection test. The dollar also should benefit from the seeking to exploit a boom in . In Nasdq trading, Cyrix saw relative strength of U.S. economic growth, communications without risk- its stock fall 2 to 231/2 after the said Diego Giurleo, of Royal Bank of Canada in New York. While the U.S. econing investment in an untested said Cummins company, Mr. Clinton has gained support during the omy grew at an annual rate of 4.2 percent Catherwood, a money manager at Rutherford, Brown & Catherconflict, Republicans have an incentive to rate in the third quarter, the German econwood Inc. in Philadelphia.

Coca-Cola shares surged 2% to 74%. Last week Coke shares tumbled 8.4 percent as the company forecast weaker-than-expected fourth-quarter international shipments. The shortfall

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was probably "a blip in the data," a research report from S.G. Warburg & Co. said. PepsiCo was unchanged at 55%. The rival soft-drink maker said its international beverage ship-The Standard & Poor's 500 ments might expand 5 percent to 6 percent in the fourth quarter, matching domestic gains.

Oil shares rallied as naturaloas and heating-oil prices climbed in response to cold winter weather in the Northeast, Midwest and mid-Atlantic states. Royal Dutch Petroleum jumped 13/s to 1401/4, Chevron climbed 1/2 to 521/2, Mobil added 3/s to finish at 112 and Amerada Hess rose 1/2 to 52.

The outlook for traditional consumer-growth stocks is brightening as investors look for companies that are least vulnerable to slowing economic growth, said Edward Laux chief trader at Chicago Corp. Colgate-Palmolive rose 11/4 to 70% while Procter & Gamble gained 1/2 to 831/2

Banks and financial stocks climbed as bond yields dropped, signaling a reduction in the price at which they borrow money U S Bancorp vaulted 4 to 36, Wells Fargo rose 1/4 to 2141/2 and J. P. Morgan & gained 1/8 to 79% Federal National Mortgage Association surged 21/2 to 119 34, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. climbed 1/8 to 811/4, Travelers Group climbed 11/2 to 601/2 and Dean Witter Discover gained 11/2 to 49.

Personal-computer stocks rose on optimism that quarterly profits will meet or exceed expectations. Hewlett-Packard umped 11/2 to 851/4. IBM rose 1/2 to 91% and Compact Computer gained % to 50.

On the American exchange Epitope Inc. rose 41/2 to 171/8 roup rose 11/2 to 351/4. after the company said the U.S. Many of the so-called Baby Food and Drug Administration approved its application to sell a confirmation test for its oral

company said it would post a loss for the fourth quarter because of declining prices for its off to close out that business.

## NAFTA: White House Skirts NAFTA Provisions as Election Nears

#### Continued from Page 11

lowed to venture into the interiors of border states - including Texas and California, two states rich in electoral votes.

The issue offers an illustration of how NAFTA gets phased in. Currently, trucks from the two countries are forbidden from traveling in each other's territory beyond a limit of about 20 miles (32 kilometers). U.S. and Mexican officials who negotiated NAF-TA agreed to wait until 2000 before lifting all restrictions on cross-border trucking. As an interim step, they set Dec. 18 as the date on which Mexican truckers could apply for licenses to travel freely within U.S. border states. U.S. companies would get reciprocal rights for travel in Mexico.

The long transitioo was set because of the ohvious gap in the two countries' safety standards. In Mexico, for example, truck drivers can legally stay behind the wheel as long as they want, unlike U.S. drivers, who are limited to 10 bours a day.

So in the months leading up to the Dec. 18 deadline for easing restrictioos, extensive preparations were made by transportation officials on both sides of the border, including seminars and industry meetings for Mexican truckers, who would be required to meet U.S. safety and insurance

regulations wheo they hit U.S. highways. But last week, Mr. Kantor and Mr. Peña announced the postponement of the dead-

line, following intense lobbying. On Capi-tol Hill, dozens of lawmakers signed letters to the White House assertiog that safety issues still remained unresolved. The Teamsters raised the specter of Americans

The decision to postpone evoked angry responses from the Republican governor of Texas, George W. Bush, who issued a statement declaring that "Texas was prepared to enforce our highway safety.

general of Texas who had raised the alarm against Mexican trucks, said the delay was probably "unnecessary," because the U.S. Customs Service bad agreed to share inspection facilities and information with state and local safety inspectors.

Economists and trade lawyers said the White House's actions would likely in-crease protectionist pressure in Mexico when the time comes to lower other trade barriers under the NAFTA timetable. For example, NAFTA includes a provision, to be phased in over a number of years, requiring Mexico to ease local-content and

other restrictions on its auto market. other restrictions on its auto market.

"If there's just a short delay, fine," Mr. Hinojosa said. "But if it becomes a permanent reneging of one important element of the treaty, then there's going to be calls on both the Mexican and U.S. side saying, "If you can change this element of the treaty, why not change other elements?" why not change other elements?"

The tomato dispute touches the same issue. NAFTA phases in free trade for many crops slowly. For now, only a certain quota of Mexican tomatoes can enter the United

States without being subject to a tariff,
When Florida growers complained this
year that they were being hurt by a jump in
Mexican tomato imports, Mr. Kantor proposed a change in the way the quota worked, losing their jobs to Mexican truck drivers. measuring the number of Mexican tomatoes entering the United States every week, instead of twice a year as initially planned. The effect would be to discourage imports Dan Morales, the Democratic attorney

The effect would be to discourage imports because if any week's shipments exceeded the quota, penalty duries would be applied. Critics said Washington accuses Japan and South Korea of using such tactics to keep imports at bay. Several U.S. agricultural groups that export to Mexico, including the National Cardemen's Association, the National Corn Growers Association, the National Corn Growers Association and the USA Poultry & Egg Export Council, sent a letter of protest to Mr. Clinton.

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The thrift regulator said they and other defendants violated federal regulations by failing to maintain proper capital reserves at the savings and loan. The agency demanded that the defendants pay \$839,000 in civil penalties and an unspecified amount for other damages.

Maxxam stock closed down \$1.625, at \$35.25, on Monday in New York.

United Saving's failure in 1988, and subsequent hailout by the federal govern-

#### ■ Mexican Agriculture Suffers

Agricultural production in Mexco fell 34 percept in 1995 because of bad weather that affected the country's rice, bean, corn and wheat harvests, Agence France-Presse reported Tuesday, citing government figures

quoted in the newspaper La Jornada.

Agriculture Ministry figures also showed an 81 percent drop in the fisheries sector and a 67 percent fall in forestry.

## U.S. Thrift Regulator Sues Maxxam

## Lawsuit Tied to Drexel Burnham-Financed Takeover

Bloomberg Business News WASHINGTON - Maxxam Inc. and itschairman. Charles Hurwitz, were accused Tuesday by the U.S. Office of Thrift Supervision of contributing to the failure of United Savings Association of Houston, a thrift linked to the failed Drexel Burnham

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compromise with Mr. Clinton, said Belal omy failed to expand at all.

subsequent bailout by the federal government, cost taxpayers \$1.5 billion. The bank had assets of \$4.4 hillion.

Named in the suit with Mr. Hurwitz, who once controlled United Savings, were Barry Munitz, Jenard Gross, Arthur Berner, Ronald Huebsch and Michael Crow. All are former or current officers or directors of United Savings and its holding company, United Financial Group Inc. Federated Development Co. of New York also was

charged.
The Office of Thrift Supervision alleges
Maxxam, Federated and United Financial knew United Savings was not meeting its capital requirements, but failed to comply with their obligations to meet those re-

Mr. Hurwitz, Maxxam's predecessor company MCO Holdings, and Federated gained control of United Savings in 1982 by acquiring more than 25 percent of its stock with the assistance of Drexel, which was forced out of business after pleading guilty to federal fraud charges.

As a condition of regulatory approval for the United Savings acquisition, the de-fendants were obligated to maintain a healthy level of capital reserves at the thrift, the Office of Thrift Supervision said.

Maxxam said that the charges were without merit and that it would "vigorously defend itself."

In addition, Maxxam said it thought the

U.S. government engaged in "improper conduct" when it rejected Maxxam's bid to buy United Savings back from government banking agencies in 1988.

Maxxam said the government selected a hid that was \$100 million lower than Maxxam's, violating federal guidelines.

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Maxxam said it filed a suit in the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals asking that the sale of United Savings be overturned.

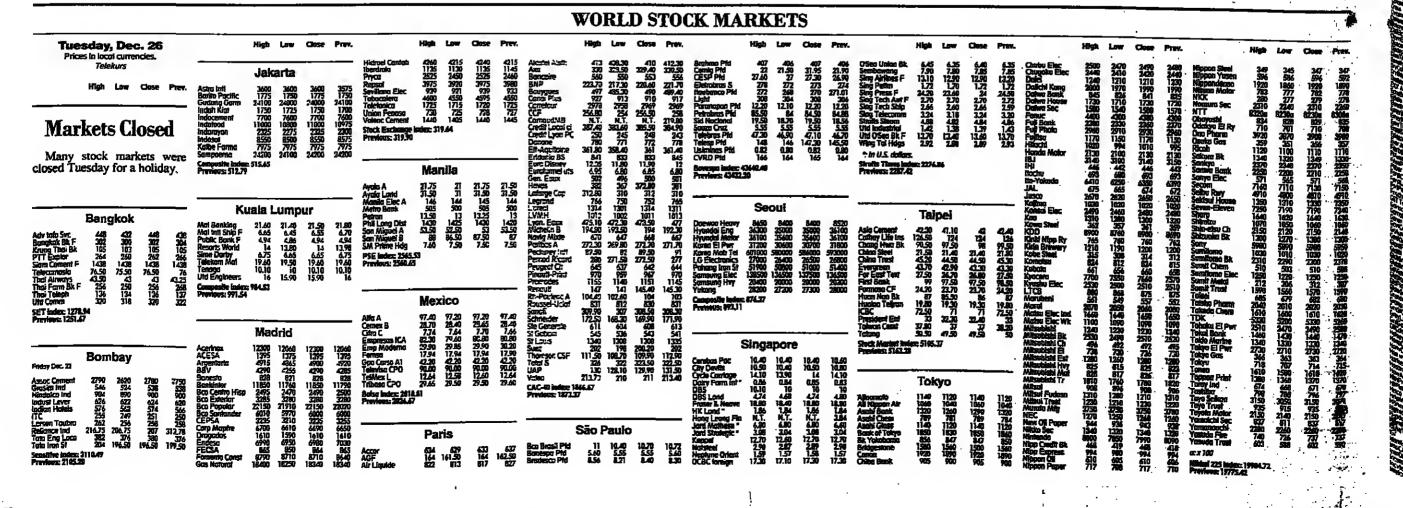
A private citizen sued Mr. Hurwitz earlier this year over United Savings' failure. The suit seeks \$1.6 billion on behalf of U.S. taxpayers. In August, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., sued Mr. Hurwitz for \$250 million.

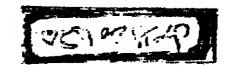
The bank insurance fund also claimed Mr. Hurwitz failed to bonor agreements to

inject capital into United Savings.
In addition, the FDIC alleged that Mr. Hurwitz artificially maintained the net worth of United Savings so the thrift could buy junk bonds from Drexel.

The now defunct securities company firm was a key source of funding for Maxxam's business ventures, including its hostile takeover in 1986 of United Pacific Lumber Co.

Maxxam, which is based in Houston, has other holdings in aluminum production. real estate, and horse racing. Its Houston horse-racing track filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in April after about a year in operation because attendance fell below expectations.





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MOSCOW — The government said Tuesday it would take legal action and prepare to seek legal action and prepare to seek new bids in response to what it said was the collapse of a \$1.4 billion investment accord with Italy's state-owned telecommu-

nications holding company. But executives of the Italian concern, STET SpA, said the agreement was still in force and that only a few aspects needed to be clarified.

STET's Moscow representative, Carlo Delbo, reached by telephone in Italy, said: "We strongly believe, we hope that

#### Whitbread Said To Bid £1 Billion For Forte Unit

LONDON — Whitbread PLC has made a friendly £1 billion (\$1.54 billion) bid for the restaurant operations of in either the first or fourth quar-Forte PLC, British newspapers ter of 1996.

reported Tuesday. target of a hostile £3.3 billion and prepare for sale a stronger bid from Granada Group PLC, enterprise," he said. and Whitbread, the brewingand-leisure concern, had agreed in principle on the sale and said the companies' advisers had bo said, the company decided to spent Christmas Day working put the \$640 million in escrow on the details.

The Independent said the bid would be made within two side restaurants and service stations in Britain and France.

As part of its defense against the Granada bid, Forte has begun to divest itself of some of its owns 51 percent of Svyazin-

restaurant business. The Times said confirmation regional telephone companies, of the accord could come before Concern about Svyazintrading on London's stock exchange resumed Wednesday af- , sidiaries and its ability to imter the Christmas and Boxing pose price increases led to Day holidays. It also said the STET's decision to put its inideal would significantly cut that payment into an escrow ac-Forte's debt of £1.3 billion and count for six months while it perhaps allow the company to investigated those issues, pay a special dividend. (Bloomberg, Reuters) pay a special dividend.

the deal is going on. We have no points, and we are waiting.

STET said Friday it was putting an initial payment of, \$640 million for 25 percent of Russia's Svyazinvest telephone' company into an escrow account until the Russian govcertain assurances about investment conditions.

Russian officials said they regarded the STET investment accord as void because they had. not received the payment, which was due Friday.
"Russia doesn't intend to

limit itself to making statements," a presidential economic adviser, Alexander Livshits said according to the Prime news agency. "But it will take actions of a legal character."

Maxim Boiko, head of the Russian Privatization Center. said he would decide in January when to hold a second tender for the stake in Svyazinvest, He said the sale might come

"We will use the long pause The Times said Forte, the to make use of our experience

> When certain investment conditions set by STET were not met in mid-December, Mr. Deluntil an accord was reached.

The Russians said, 'Give us agreement had been confirmed the money and we'll continue to by insiders at Forte, who said a discuss," Mr. Delbo recalled. "If we don't reach agreement, weeks for the company's road- the Russian Ministry of Finance

repays the money.
We said no, we preferred to put the money in escrow."

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## Russia to Seek New Bids for Stake Hungary Polishes Industrial Gem Covernment Tries to Keep Its Energy Concern Toget Government Tries to Keep Its Energy Concern Together

By Alan Krauss Special to the Herald Tribune

BUDAPEST — When the Hungarian government put its oil-and-gas company, MOL RT, on the market, it insisted on keeping its industrial crown jewel intact. Prospective buyers balked at this all-

or nothing proposition, and the government rejected the big oil companies' offers to buy MOL and break it into its component refineries, gas pipelines, gasoline stations and other units. A stock sale was the only alternative,

which suited top executives fine. Fresh from a series of equity offerings that brought in \$200 million for a quarter of the company, Laszlo Pal, the chairman, said MOL has a bright future because it maintained its independence and its integrity. "As the only integrated oil company in Eastern Europe, we have many possibilities that our competitors don't," Mr. Pal said. He assumed the helm at MOL in

September after a year as Hungary's interior minister. "Integration makes MOL a quicker, more elastic company," he said.

and Luxembourg, were sold at about \$8
"We make decisions efficiently, and we per share and ended last week at \$7.85. can take advantage of price differences among fuels and markets." MOL has international exploration op-

erations that address the issue of secure energy supplies in Hungary, which still multiple of 8, compared with 5 and be-depends heavily on Russian oil, as well as tween 9 and 20, respectively, for other

national pride, said Jim Joseph, an oil analyst at James Capel & Co. in London.

Whether Hungary, which produces only enough oil to meet about 20 percent of its own requirements, needs a domestic energy company is an open question. While competitors such as Mobil Corp. and Royal Dutch/Shell Group have snapped up individual oil facilities in the region, complex, they found MOL to be too large to casily swallow. MOL's projected 1995 sales are \$2.6 billion, which make it one of

the largest enterprises in Eastern Europe. Oil industry executives said Hungary's determination to keep MOL whole was not unreasonable. W.R. Cardwell, Shell area manager for central and southern Europe, said his concern maintains similar ' tional" oil companies: "Shell UK is basically into everything, but there are other places around the world where we're involved only in marketing."

Mr. Pal said the success of the stock offering was a vote of confidence by Westem institutions, which bought 18.8 percent of MOL. The shares, listed in the Budapest

Yet by some measures, investors got a good deal, said Mr. Joseph. He estimated that by 1997 MOL would carry a cashflow multiple of 2.5 and price-earnings multiple of 8, compared with 5 and be-

"But it's obviously too simple to say that it looks cheap, compared with other stocks, because it carries risks that others don't," Mr. Joseph said.

Chief among these is the company's vulnerability to a political reversal by regulators, who are committed to complying with a World Bank requirement that gas prices reflect production costs by the end of 1996. Gas prices rose 58 percent in January and are expected to double next year.

The increase in gas prices largely accounts for the turnaround in MOL's earnings this year. Mr. Pal said MOL would pay an as-yet undetermined commonstock dividend in 1995, on after-tax earnings, which are projected at \$45 million to \$50 million. Last year, it lost \$19 million.

A more remote risk is the possibility that the government will slow or reverse MOL's privatization. The latest equity sales brought the state's share down to 57 percent, and Mr. Pal said 25 percent more would be offered to investors in 1996.

Mr. Pal said priorities in 1996 were accelerating MOL's exploration-and-production activity and modernization of its 314 gasoline stations. MOL has two wells in Timisia and is a 25 percent partner in three Algerian wells. It is pursuing oil concessions in Libya, Egypt, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar, as well as Turkey, Bulgaria and Albania.

ending a cycle of capacity increases that

Each is tricky. The first requires ex-

tracting concessions from unions - a task that even the big U.S. carriers have not mastered, as USAir Group Inc.'s tortuous

negotiations to win \$3 billion in cost cuts

Pilots at Iberia, for instance, are the best-

paid in Europe, with an average annual salary of 12.8 million pesetas (\$105,800),

even though the carrier has lost more than

\$1 billion in the past four years. Iberia used

\$1 hillioo in state aid granted in 1992, and

last week won approval for more - this

and costs the airline millions of francs.

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#### **Very briefly:**

 British Petroleum PLC signed a \$3.5 billion agreement with Sonatrach, the Algerian state-owned energy company, to explore and produce gas in the Sahara Desert. The deal must be approved by Algerian and European Union authorities.

• Finel, a joint venture of Electricité de France and Edison SpA, a unit of Montedison SpA, has finalized the purchase of 73:96 percent of ILVA Servizi Energie Srl, a unit of Ilva Spa, for 370 billion lire (\$232.7 million).

• Kvaerner A/S, the Norwegian shipbuilding and construction company, bought 12.94 percent of Vyborgsky Sudostroitelny Zavod for 414 million rubles (\$89,166) to bring its stake in the St. Petersburg regional real-estate company to 39.05 percent. Under that are 37 percent higher than those in the United States, mostly because of labor, and company over the next three years.

· Volkswagen AG on Wednesday will raise the price of its passenger vehicles by an average 1.9 percent, but it said prices for extra safety devices, including anti-lock braking systems, would

France and China have agreed to a "technical and legal cooperation" to promote exports of cognac from France to China, the cognac producers' trade association BNIC said.

 Compañía Española de Petróleos SA posted net profit of 20.2 billion pesetas (\$166 million) in the first 11 mooths of 1995, up 18.8 percent, on a 10 percent rise in revenues. · Eurotunnel PLC will report next month on its debt restruc-

turing talks with its 225 creditor banks, according to an article in The Times of London that quoted company sources. Eurotunnel, operator of train service between Britain and the Continent through the channel tunnel, announced in September an 18-month freeze on interest payments oo £8 billion (\$12.32 billion) in debt. year on the carrier's plans to cut costs 30
on interest payments oo £8 billion (\$12.32 billion) in debt.

• Club Méditerranée SA sales fell 3 percent, to 8.469 billion

series of strikes that have grounded flights French francs (\$ 1.71 billion) in the year ended Oct. 31.

Pechiney International SA shares plunged 2.6 francs, to 91 francs, a five-year low, as investors sold rather than swapping for shares in parent company Pechiney SA. The swap offer, part of the Pechiney SA initial public offering, lasts until Jan. 9.

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## **Brief Respite Ending for Europe's Airlines**

LONDON - Europe's airlines, after losing \$8 billion since 1990 as the Gulf War and recession limited air travel, returned to profit this year. But they are not

In the boom-and-bust business, executives already are girding for a downturn that most expect to come in 1997.

Once-bitter rivals are rushing to join alliances. State-owned airlines, laggards in the battle to bring down costs, are taking on unions. Everyone is pouring money into upgrading high-margin premium services, hoping to prop up profits that have fallen even as passenger traffic has boomed.

It all comes in the shadow of full deregulation of Europe's skies in April 1997, a change that could spell trouble for highcost carriers as a new generation of startups undercuts their fares.

European Airlines. owned carrier said it expected to make a and oot much else to show for it." profit this year, its first since 1989. But its

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plans, and Italian newspapers said the airline may ask investors for a 1 trillion lire (\$628 million) capital injection.

Alitalia also for the first time is facing ompetition on flights between Milan and Rome, Italy's most-traveled route. A startup airline called Air One undercuts Alitalia's fares by as much as 20 percent.

Alitalia is not alone. Startups are tarting other state-owned airlines, such as Sabena SA of Belgium and Iberia SA of Spain, in the hope that the established carriers' high costs will leave them vulnerable to competition.

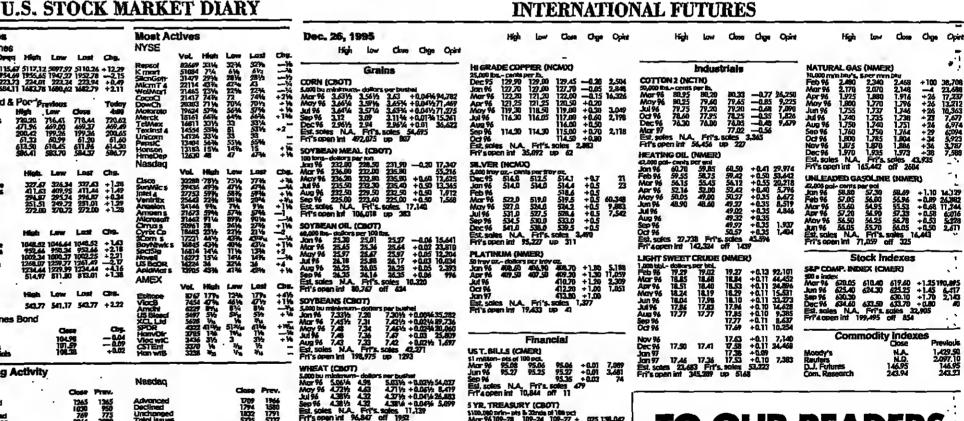
In the past year, more than 50 new airlines, from Brussels-based EuroBelgian to London-based EasyJet, have started flying. At the same time, 32 mostly different

airlines folded, according to an Economist Intelligence Unit report. "A lot of these "The vital signs are good for now, but the patient still isn't healthy," said David Anderson, an analyst at the Association of derson said. "If they're operating at a loss and can't sustain it, ultimately you return to Consider Alitalia SpA. The Italian state- the status quo with a weakened incumbent

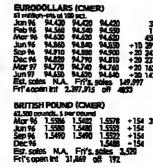
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The winners are the nonstate-owned airlines, such as British Airways PLC and Lufthansa, that have wrested concessions

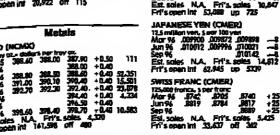
Success for Europe's airlines depends from their unions since the late 1980s.







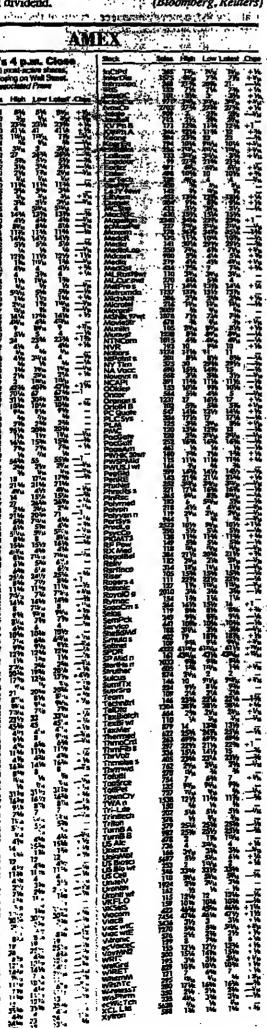




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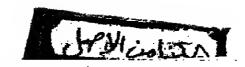
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TOKYO - In the aftermath of the attack on Pearl Harbor,

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in Washington, and its effects go beyond the diplomatic corps, even beyond U.S. businesses abroad.

of-living adjustment it paid its employees in Tokyo, one of the

world's most expensive cities. That caused widespread alarm

among bureaucrats and business people alike, as some com-

But while diplomatic staff cut back on lunches and activities

calculations to help set wages for expatriate employees.

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Early in the autumn, the State Department trimmed the cost-

from home, passed the time on a makeshift golf course.

## Tokyo Is Cheerful **Despite Jobs Data**

#### **Leading Indicators Surge**

TOKYO — Japan's jobless rate hit a record, but other data released Tuesday, particularly a surge in the index of leading indicators, showed its economy

could be getting on its feet.

The official jobless rate jumped to 3.4 percent in November from the record level of 3.2 percent, where it had been stuck for five months. The middle-aged men, the report rate was the highest since the government began compiling comparable statistics in 1953.

But the index of leading indicators showed significant improvement for the first time in six months, soaring through the 50 level that separates growth from recession to a reading of 80.0 in October from 46.2 in September. Machinery orders

jumped and inventories fell.

The economy is gradually working its way to a recovery, but it's ton early to say it is actually on an upward trend. said Toru Oshiro, an economist at the Yamaichi Research Institute of Securities and Economics. Unemployment, he said, is a lagging indicator, so its increase was more a sign of weakness in the past few months and consumer goods previously than of any troubles ahead.

Some analysts noted that jobs-to-applicants ratio improved to 0.63 in November from 0.61 a month earlier, meaning there were 63 job of-fers for each 100 applicants.

Others, however, said an economic recovery in 1996 would not stop the rise in unemployment right away.

"It will be higher in 1996 than it was in 1995," said Chris Calderwood, senior economist at BZW Securities in Tokyo,

The greatest job losses last month came at manufacturers and among young people and said. It said about 380,000 manufacturing jobs had been lost since a year earlier, a decline of

2.5 percent, to 14.62 million. Another report said Tokyo's consumer price index for 1995 was down 0.3 percent from 1994, the first decrease in 40 years. (Reuters, Bloomberg)

■ Canon Sees Record Year

Canon Inc. expects to post record parent-company current profit for 1995 and will increase its dividend, Reuters reported.

A Canon executive did make specific profit forecast but said the company's biggest year for current, or pretax, profit was 1992, when it made 77.13 billion ven (\$752.5 million).

The maker of photocopiers forecast current profit of 62 billion yen for the calendar year, while the jobless rate was up, the compared with 53.90 billion yen in 1994. The executive also said Canon had decided to pay a special dividend of 0.5 yen a share, bringing its total payout for 1995 to 13 yen a share.

## Idle Hands Fight Back in Japan

when lifetime employment managers unioo. was the norm, but in the lean and mean 1990s, increasing numbers of middle-aged Japanese men are finding that them any more.

have bowed to pressure and related jobs in the last three million yen if you work for a left. But now, some are refusing to go quietly.

rights," said a 48-year-old recover, firms are not going to used various methods to lay manager at a computer-related stop restructuring," Mr. Shi- off workers. Small ones sudmanager at a computer-related company that is pressing him

Determined to stay on, he has become a member of the Tokyo Managers' Union, one of the few organizations in Japan formed to help people in his position. The union has around 300 members and has counseled more than 1,700 people since it was set up two years ago. This manager, like most others interviewed, asked to remain anonymous to avoid endangering negotiations with their employers.

Heavy with bigh labor costs, Japanese companies are eager to slim down, and the country's unemployment lines are growing. The official unemployment rate hit a record Tuesday, rising to 3.4 percent for November from 3.2 percent in October.

"A third of the people we talk to have been asked to resign, around 400 have been laid off, and others have been demoted or passed off onto a recalculation of indexes that measure currency-exchange rates, subsidiary company, which is prices and inflation rates. An embassy spokesman said a new the equivalent of semiretire-survey of living costs in Tokyo had been sent to Washington.

Companies have tightened their belts and cut their intake of if you new graduates, but manage- earned 10 million yen ment has also become a target. (\$98,000) at a big company or have trimmed um-sized company. Now, it's More often than not, they around 240,000 management- come down to 35 years and 9

"The number is going to for a smaller one." "It's an abuse of human rise. Even if the economy does

ment," said Kiyotsugu Shi- tara said. Companies are also denly serve one to TOKYO — They grew up tara, general secretary of the widening the scope of their months' notice, he said, for-then lifetime employment managers' union. widening the scope of their months' notice, he said, for-layoffs, he said: "Up until a eign companies are "dry and year ago, you were are a target cool, a package all present-if you were 45 and over, ed," and companies with and companies with strong balance sheets tend to take their time, slowly picking their companies do not want Government data show that 8 million at a small-to-medi- at a worker's pride.

"I'm treated like dead wood," said a 54-year-old employee at a company in the entertainment-services field. major company or 6 millioo For the past year, he said, his Mr. Shitara said companies work had gradually been taken away from him, to the point where he now had nothing to do. "Restructuring, it's another noun for firing," he said.

The manager at the computer-related company said he had been shifted from department to department before being offered midnight shifts and when he refused those, he was asked to resign.

For those laid off, employment prospects are dim.
"My family insists that I Now, many U.S. envoys again find themselves holed up, but don't resign from the compa-without a putting green. This time, the problem is the budget battle ny: they know it's difficult for me to find a new job," said the former manager of the enter-

inment-services company. While they may not be confident that union negotiations will win them back their jobs, more than anything the laid-off managers want to change the way their companies go about outside the embassy, Walter F. Mondale, the U.S. ambassador to structuring.

"My company approaches individuals one by one," said Japan, said business people had been "an unintended victim" of Washington's move. He said he was working to get the cost-ofliving adjustment back up again, a move that would benefit all the manager at the computerrelated company. "It's the those whose compensation in Japan is based on the U.S. index. cheap and easy way to make people resign. I want to make The State Department blamed the reduction on a standard the company change its way of management."

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•India's state of Maharashtra will unilaterally decide the value of a contract to replace a canceled \$2.8 billion deal awarded to Enron Corp. to build a power plant.

•Ford Credit International is to form a venture in India with the automaker Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. and Kotak Mahindra Finance Ltd. to finance purchases of Ford vehicles.

•Modi Luft Ltd., a leading Indian airline, rejected an 870 million rupee (\$24.9 million) takeover bid by the Damania Airways Ltd. unit of NEPC Group.

 Acer Inc., the Taiwan computer maker, said 1995 net profit would be about 10 billion Taiwan dollars (\$366.6 million) on sales of about 150 billion dollars.

 Japan's Ministry of Posts & Telecommunications plans to raise the amount of postal insurance funds to be invested in stocks by 70 percent, to 1.7 trillion yen (\$16.66 billion), for the coming fiscal year from the current year; it is the first increase in three years.

•Daiwa Securities Co. said the number of mergers and acquisitions involving Japanese companies in 1995 rose 7.2 percent from a year ago, to 532; the value totaled 1.57 trillion yen.

•Itocha Corp. is to take a 10 percent stake in Siam Strip Mill Public Co., a new Thai maker of hot-rolled steel coils which will be capitalized at about 20 billion yen (\$195 million.) The mill will be 60 percent owned by the Siam Steel Pipe group.

 Samsung Display Devices Co. is to enter a \$600 million joint venture to produce color-picture tubes in China. Samsung will control 80 percent of the Shenzhen venture, while Modern Advancement Co. of China will take the other 20 percent.

•La Tondena Distillers Inc., the largest Philippine distiller, is to form a joint venture with United Distillers PLC to make and distribute such British liquor brands as Gordon's Gin and Johnnie AFP, AP, Bloomberg, Reuters

### **POSCO Forecast Dour**

SEOUL - Pohang Iroo & Steel Co. said Tuesday that reduced demand for steel and cuts in export prices would slasb profits next year, forcing the company to forgo expansion and reassign hundreds of employees in an effort to

POSCO said net profits for 1996 would plunge 13 percent, to 693.8 billion won (\$898.0 million), on a slight increase in sales,

The steel industry is expected to suffer in 1996 in line with an overall downturn in world business," a spokesman said.

### Thai Stocks Slip After Market Regulator Resigns

BANGKOK - Stocks fell Tuesday amid accusations by the Finance Ministry that the former bead of Thailand's Securities and Exchange Commission, who quit Monday, broke financial oversight laws, but analysts said the charges could

have been politically motivated.

Ekamol Kiriwat, also a deputy governor of the Bank of Thailand and an outspoken critic of the Thai government, resigned abruptly a day before Finance Minister stay by promising independence for the Surakiart Sathirathai announced that be regulatory body.

had "sufficient evidence" to back up allegations that Mr. Ekamol had violated Thai laws relating to disclosure of "bank-ing information." Mr. Surakiart would not elaborate on the accusations.

Mr. Ekamol, who headed the SEC since 1992, said he would resign in July after the government of Prime Minister Banham Silpa-archa took office, saying he feared political intervention, but the prime minister and Mr. Surakiart persuaded him to

"The timing of Ekamol's resignation is a surprise," said Israpol Kunsorn, an analyst for Wall Street Finance & Securities PLC. "But it demonstrates bow much trouble regulators are having with the new

The Stock Exchange of Thailand index closed Tuesday at 1,278.94, down 2.73. Last week, Mr. Ekamol was not reap pointed to the board of directors of Thai Airways International PLC, in which the Finance Ministry owns a 93 percent stake. distribute such I (Reuters. Bloomberg, AFP) Walker Scotch.

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past year. Several trends are propelling that demand. Link Resources estimates that 39 million Amer-lines. icans now conduct some form

than one phone line. In addition, the rise in personal-computer use has turned many bomes into either exten-

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lines at Southwestern Bell Telethe stage for the surge of the munications Inc. The company recently installed its one millionth additional line, out of a total of 9.6 million residential

Perhaps surprisingly, howof business at bome. Roughly a ever, phone companies have third of those people have more mixed feelings about the trend. Some welcome any new source of revenue, especially in the residential market, where profit margins tend to be smaller than

for business service. But for others, second household lines may not generate

enough money to justify the costs of providing them.

In New York, for instance, Nynex Corp. — which has 11 million residential lines and has installed 1.3 million additional lines — puts in extra lines only on request and does nothing to encourage the practice.

Judith Haberkorn, vice pres-

ident for individual communications services at Nynex, said the booming demand could outstrip the company's capacity to subscriber's home.

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In fact, the same trends prophone lines may eventually ren- ond car a generation ago. der them obsolete. Telephone



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In addition, fiber-optic glass strands promise to eventually bring even higher capacity single-line connections into households.

Meanwhile, cable television companies are gearing up to offer data transmission, tex. phone service and television programs through the single coaxial cable running into each

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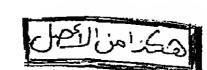
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#### **Cullinan Resists England**

CRICKET Daryll Cullinan's dashing batting led South Africa to 230 for four wickets at the close on the first day of the fourth test Tuesday against England in Port Elizabeth. The 28year-old finished the day with an unbeaten 83. His fourth wicket part-oership of 118 with Jonty Rhodes rescued South Africa from a precarlous 89 for three wickets after Hansie Cronje won the toss and opted to bat "first on a slow wicket.

 Australia reached 234 for three wickets on the first day of its second tesi against Sri Lanka in Melbourne. However, the Australians' batting was overshadowed by the bowling of the Sri Lankan off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan, who was no-balled seven overs by the umpire, Darrell Hair, and afterward warned to change his bowling action by the International Cricket .Council before switching ends without further incident.

#### Coach Changes His Mind

FOOTBALL Glen Mason, who resigned last week as coach at Kansas University to take over at Georgia, has changed his mind and will remain with the Jayhawks. Georgia hired Jim Donnan of Marshall as its new coach instead. Donnan led Marshall to 64 victories and one Division I-AA championship in six years.

#### Libva to Resume Sports

Libya is reviving its sports teams. hanned more than a decade ago by Colonel Moammar Gadhafi, 10 show that the country can function despite UN sanctions. The state-run television station said sports competitions will resume Jan. 12.

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George Weah celebrating a goal for Paris St-Germain.

## Weah Did Not Win Prize That Matters

International Herald Tribune George Wesh is becoming all

things to all men. Ndoram of Chad and Finidi George of Nigeria. On Tuesday, Weah was confirmed as Europe's Player of the Year, Johannesburg on Jan. 13.

polling more votes than Jürgen Klinsmann and Jari Litmanen. On the eighth night of the New Year, FIFA will Liberia, FIFA acknowledges, is a honor Weah as the finest footballer in

the world.

quibble. Africa's contribution to the international game, its production of three-quarters of which has been deskilled, at times hypnotic ballplayers, stroyed. Whenever Lone Star — as has for some time illuminated the national squad is called — is world's overcoached leagues.

George Oppong Weah is perhaps the symbol of recognition Africa's playgrounds deserve. Cometh the hour, cometh Weah, born in Monrovia 29 years ago, blessed with pace, power and potency equal to any contemporary goal-chaser.

He moves his 1.84 meters and 77 kilograms (6 feet and 169 pounds) into areas of pain. He rides challenges with muscle and poise. He wriggles, turns, shoots with fearless instinct.

But as awesome as the physical attributes can look, it is the mental courage to try and try again that is the mark of a modern striker. Weah by no means scores every time be should, freedom. but he seldom hides, seldom shirks responsibility to shoot and miss if need be, and to shoot again.

Soccer / Rob Hughes

In November, he was voted Africa's ances for his homeland, he has intion for the African Cup of Nations, the final rounds of which begin in

country torn apart by a civil war that has sent a million and a half in-Can so much acclaim all be habitants fleeing for their lives. But, the magazine insists, "Football is In terms of skill, there can be oo accorded a privileged status in this battered and plundered country, three-quarters of which has been deplaying everyone immediately downs his arms, everything comes to a standstill and the party begins."

Liberia's national team players are mercenaries in the leagues of Ger-many, Switzerland, the Netberlands, France and Italy, but Weah is the catalyst.

"He is a mixture of godfather, coach, forward, captain, organizer, financier, provider and, occasionally, even nurse," states FIFA.

The magazine's local informant, reporter Kenneth Jackson, offers this eulogy: "Weah is like a flame for us. As long as it burns, we can forget the suffering and pain, we can dream of

How could such a man be anything less than player of the year, player of the millennium? It must have seemed Though he left his native Liberia small-time theater when Weah arthe better part of a decade ago, be has rived in Milan last summer, his cult status there. After 45 appeareighth career move from humble be-

ginnings with Young Survival Clara footballer of 1995, ahead of Japher spired Liberia's first-ever qualifica- Town, and the publicists clad him in an emperor's robes and crown.

But even in Italy, where money sooner or later buys every great soc-cer talent, Weah can do no wrong. A practicing Muslim in a Carholic land.

he tells the people: "I ask God to make me victorious in the game and to make me score but only if those are the right things for me to be given. I always pray with that 'if.' You can't say to God 'Give

have more money, but only if it doesn't give me an unfair advantage." He understands that." Weah, too, understands mankind. Fabio Capello, his coach at Milan, says it takes only a short time to realize that his new center forward is that rare combination of extraordi-

me money.' You can say 'I'd like to

nary talent and great man. George Weah knows God so well. knows the teachings of Martin Luther King and Malcolm X, and knows where he is coming from and going to. "In Africa, I became a European," be tells an interviewer. "In Europe, I've

become African.' All things to all men. It seems churiish to ask if he really merits the ac-

It was good that France Football, the organizer of the European Footballer of the Year, opened up its 40-year poll to world players who perform for European clubs. Good that 10 of the 50 names admired by journalists from 50 countries encompassed the fine individuals from as far as South America Times

requisite that winners of the Golden. Boot were achievers. Weah played half the year for Paris Saint-Germainwhich, despite wealth unparalleled in France, lost its championship to Nantes, for whom Ndoram played consistently well.

PSG reached the semifinal of the European Champions' Cup, where it' came up against AC Milan.

Now was the test for Weah. Could he score against the likes of Franco Baresi and Paolo Maldini? In Milan's San Siro Stadium he was the invisible. man. Paris was beaten, if we must individualize team superiority, by a Serb, Dejan Savicevic, who won no votes in the polls but who scored two exquisite goals.

Weah's response to criticisms mine to the fore — that he appeared not to be giving his best was dismissive: "That is absurd," said Weah. "I play every match 100 percent! But as an attacker I can only score if the bell is played for me, and in that ball is played for me, and in that semifinal it was not George Weah who

played badly, it was the team."
To my eye Weah, so often the proud inspiration of team morale and so able to turn bad balls into good goals, set the mood of acquiescence that night.

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Clearly my view is in the minority. Weah, according to administrators in Africa, to journalists across Europe, to Silvio Berlusconi — who paid mil-lions for him and used the Berlusconi media machine to promote him - and according to the coaches of national teams who are FIFA's judges of Player of the Year, all say Weah is the best, Rob Hughes is on the staff of The

## Atlanta Upset of 49ers Sent Waves Across NFL

#### It Affected Both Playoffs and Draft

By Timothy W. Smith

NEW YORK - Few games were of as chance if the 49ers bad won. much interest throughout the National Football League this season as Atlanta's upset victory against the San Francisco 49ers.

Not only did it have an impact on several the Falcons quarterback, Jeff George, would be in for next Sunday's wild-card game at Green Bay.

George, who left the game Sunday with a sprained neck with 1 minute 53 seconds to play in the first half, had X-rays taken of his bead and neck later that night, but no serious damage was found.

The backup quarterback, Bobby Hebert, led the Falcons to the shocking 28-27 victory, but George is expected to start against the Packers. He is scheduled to work out with the team this week, although he will avoid cootact drills.

The playoff appearance is only the fifth for the Falcons in their 30-year history, but the consequences of their victory were greater than that. The game was of keen interest to the Vikings, Bears, Cowboys

The Bears and Vikings were rooting for San Francisco because an Atlanta loss was their only hope of making the playoffs. The Cowboys and Colts were rooting for

Atlanta, but for different reasons. The Cowboys wanted the 49ers to lose because that would give them a chance to reclaim the home-field advantage through-

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out the playoffs. The Cowboys still had to beat the Arizona Cardinals on Monday night to get it, but they would have had no

The Colts were pulling for Atlanta be-cause a Falcons victory would bolster their draft this spring. That's because when the Colts traded George to Atlanta in 1993, the teams in the playoff race, it affected this deal called for them to receive a first-round spring's draft. And in the aftermath, there draft choice in 1996 if the Falcons won nine

> Anything fewer than nine victories would have meant a second-round pick for Indianapolis, and the Colts already had sent their own first-round pick to Tampa Bay in the last off-season as part of the trade for

the quarterback Craig Erickson.
Atlanta might lose on another level, too. Atlanta might lose on another level, too.

George will be an unrestricted free agent at of the season, and he finished the year with a the end of the season and has turned down a contract offer from the Falcons.

But for now, Atlanta's focus is on the Packers. The Falcons will not do anything special to adjust to Green Bay's weather. The Falcons plan to arrive on Saturday.

George is far from Atlanta's only offensive threat. The Falcons accomplished something this season that had never been done in the NFL. Four of their players gained more than 1,000 yards and George passed for more than 4,000 yards.

The running back Craig Heyward rushed for 1,083 yards; the receiver Eric Metcalf had 103 receptions for 1,189 yards; Bert Emanuel had 74 catches for 1,039 yards; Terance Mathis caught 78 passes for 1.039 yards, and George completed 336 of 557 passes for 4,143 yards, 24 touchdowns and 11 interceptions.

## **Cowboys Win As Smith Runs** For a Score And a Record

TEMPE, Arizona — With the clock winding down in a lopsided game, Emmitt Smith of the Dallas Cowboys was getting

"You have a tendeocy to think that it's never going to happen," Smith said after seming a National Football League record for touchdowns in a season with 25 when 13 Dallas victory Monday night over the Arizona Cardinals.

Earlier, Troy Aikman threw for 350 yards, with scoring strikes of 25 and 48 yards to Kevin Williams, and Brock Marion scored on a 32-yard interception return. The two flourish, cauching 19 passes in his last three games, compared with 19 in his first 13

"I'm glad all the guys scored, and didn't recommend to anyone to go out of bounds at the one-yard line on my ac-count," Smith said. But be acknowledged that he wanted badly to pass the record of 24 touchdowns that John Riggins scored for Washington in 1983. "The only thing I could see was the goal line - the stripes on the ground - and I knew I wasn't over it," said Smith, who broke a tackle at the two-

yard line before scoring.

Smith, who had the rushing title wrapped up before the game, has 100 TDs for his career, tied for ninth on the NFL list. His 96 rushing TDs, including all 25 this season, have him fifth in that category, 10 behind the career leader, Jim Brown. The Cowboys (12-4) earned home-field

rights throughout the NFC playoffs after thinking they'd blown it by losing to Washington and Philadelphia in back-to-back games earlier this month. They regained control of their destiny when Atlanta upset San Francisco on Sunday. "h's been what? Thirty hours?" Dallas'

owner. Jerry Jones, said. "So we've had the most dramatic change conceivable from not even winning the division and having to go into the playoffs as a wild card to winning the whole thing."

Aikman, who has said he might consider retirement after the season was much more encouraged after leading the Cowboys to

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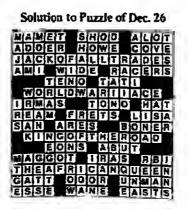
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ROUGH AND TUMBLE - Rund Gullit, of Chelsea, grabbing Wimbledon's Mick Harford in a Premier League game as Hans Segers and Efan Ekoku chase the ball. Later, Vinnie Jones was sent off for fouling Gullit. Wimbledon won, 2-1.

## For Orlando Magic, Revenge Is Sweet

Orlando is still drawing on a lesson

learned in the National Basketball Association finals.

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Regular-season success against the Houston Rockets is nice, but it doesn't

#### NBA ROUNDUP

guarantee anything against the two-time defending champions when the games count most.

The Orlando Magic won both regularseason meetings between the teams last winter, only to lose four straight to the Rockets in the final round of the playoffs.

remaining gave the Magic a 92-90 victory. Hardaway and Shaquille O'Neal each had 22 points for Orlando, which blew a 13point lead and fell behind by 8 in the fourth quarter before overtaking the Rockets.

"We'll take a win any way it comes, but I was a little disappointed," Hardaway said. 'We had them down and they came back. It

seemed like deja vu from the finals."
Hakeem Olajuwon led the Rockets with
30 points, but his basket to start the final
quarter was his last. Scottrebounded the All-Star center's airball with 24 seconds left, setting the stage for Hardaway.

The All-Star point guard let the shot clock run down to six seconds before start-"It was just another basketball game to a ing from the top of the key and moving me," Coach Brian Hill said after Anfernee toward the right side of the basket to rise Hardaway's clutch jumper with 3.1 seconds above Mario Elie of Houston.

The ball hit the rim, banged off the glass, rolled around and fell in.

Spure 105, Sune 100 Sean Elliott scored 10 of his 28 points in the fourth period and David Robinson finished with 25 points and 10 rebounds as visiting San Antonio overcame a 12-point, second-half deficit to run its winning streak to six.

"We never counted ourselves out," said Elliott, who has teamed with Robinson this season to average nearly 50 points and 18 rebounds a game. "We were never down and out. Even if we're down by 10 points with five minutes left, we still feel like we

can get it done.' Charles Barkley had 29 points and 15 rebounds for Phoenix, which was outsored 14-3 in the final 3:40 and lost for the fifth time in eight games.

## Christmas Shopping for World Series

### Orioles and Cardinals Steal a March for Next Season:

New York Times Service

EW YORK — If off-season aggressiveness could be congeneral managers would be the executives of the year.

Walt Jocketry, beginning his second year as the Cardinals' general manager, and Pat Gillick, in his first weeks out of retirement, have dazzled their colleagues with lightning-like maneuvers.

As major-league baseball settles into its traditional week off between Christmas and New Year's — that is not to say general managers won't be working their home telephones or sneaking into their supposedly closed offices — the Car-dinals and the Orioles appear to have improved themselves the most with trades and free-agent signings.

In the last two weeks, Jocketty acquired the shortstop Royce Clayton from San Francisco and signed third baseman Gary Gaetti, left fielder Ron Gant and starting pitcher Andy Benes, while Gillick traded for a starting pitcher, Kent Mercker, and signed the second baseman Roberto Alomar, third baseman B. J. Surhoff and the relief pitcher Randy Myers.

The same teams had already made significant other additions, each attracting a manager with a winning record.

Tony LaRussa was looking to leave Oakland after 10 years, and the Cardinals lured him to the National League for the same \$1.5 million salary he was earning in Oakland. Davey Johnson wasn't looking to leave Cincinnati, but the owner sent him on his way in spite of a divisioo championship last season. The Orioles, who passed up the chance to hire Johnson a year ago, grabbed him this time.

Gillick and Johnson in Baltimore, and Jocketty and La Russa in St. Louis, are the beneficiaries of favorable ownership cir-

Peter Angelos has owned the Orioles signed David Cone and Wade Boggs and day-to-day operation of the team.

#### Baseball / Murray Chass

verted into championships and for two years and is eager to reward the awards, the St. Louis Cardinals fans who fill Camden Yards every game and the Baltimore Orioles would meet in with a championship. The only other the World Series next October and their team in the American League that sells out game after game is the Cleveland Indians, and they played in the World Series last October.

The Cardinals were sold only last week, and the new ownership group must go through the approval process. But the new group has made itself felt and heard.

"We want to win now," Frederick Hanser, a St. Louis lawyer who heads the new group, has said.

The new owners want to win because they know they need a winning team to attract fans back to the ballpark. Based on their average crowd last season, the Car-dinals would have fallen short of 2 million attendance for a full 1994 schedule. Before there was Camden Yards and before there was Jacobs Field and before there was the Skydome, the Cardinals were a top-drawing team, attracting more than 3 million fans in 1987 and 1989.

Under the Anheuser-Busch ownership, which ultimately allowed the payroll and the attendance to drop, the Cardinals had lost their way to first place.

HEIR new players, of course, do first in their respective divisions. The Boston Red Sox, who won the American League East championship and finished 15 games ahead of the Orioles. have re-signed Jose Canseco and, in freeagent maneuvers, have swapped catchers, Mike Macfarlane for Mike Stanley, and starting pitchers, Erik Hanson for Tom Gordon. But they also have let Rick type owner." Aguilera, their closing pitcher, leave and

games ahead of Baltimore, have re- that he didn't intend to be involved in the

engaged in swaps of their own — Don Martingly for Tino Martinez, Stanley for Joe Girardi, Dwight Gooden for Jack McDowell and Sterling Hitchcock, and Randy Velarde for Mariano Duncan.

On paper, both the Red Sox and the Yankees appear to have lost more than they have gained, meaning they will be harder pressed to hold off the Orioles. But the 1996 season doesn't begin until March 31, leaving much time to make additional moves.

The Cardinals ended last season an even greater distance from first place in the National League Central, 221/2 games behind the Reds in fourth place. But the Reds have lost Gant; Houston has made its major expenditure to retain Craig Biggio, and the Chicago Cubs don't appear even to be running in place.

Moreover, the Cardinals aren't finished making moves. The signing of Gant gives them an extra starting outfielder, which means they have a good one -Bernard Gilkey, Ray Lankford or Brian Jordan — to trade for a second baseman. They tried hard to lure Biggio away from the Astros but failed, leaving them looking for what the new owners view as a crucial player.

"The Cardinals have never won a pennant without a good second baseman, said another member of the new owners group, Andrew Baur, a bank chairman. not give the Orioles and the Car-"You go from Hornshy to Frisch to Red dinals guarantees of finishing Schoendienst to Julian Javier to Tommy Herr. I think the key to this team would be to get a good second baseman."
There could be one other key: The new

owners will have to let Jocketty do his job. They, of course, wouldn't think otherwise. "We don't want to interfere with the operatioo," Baur said. "There's nothing worse than a George Steinbrenner-

Steinbrenner, it should be recalled, said on that fateful day nearly 23 years The Yankees, who finished eight ago when his group bought the Yankees

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TAMPA BAY—Signed Marvin Marshall, wide receiver, from practice squad.

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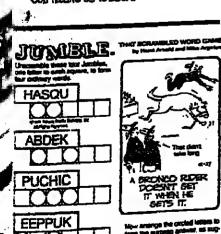
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#### **DOCUMENTARIES**

## The Yugoslav Enigma

By Walter Goodman New York Times Service

NEW YORK — For most ident, attained power.

The people signals of the erosion of Yugoslavia in the late spread fast, exciting feverish spread fast, exciting feverish spread fast, exciting feverish 1980s and early 1990s were faroff rumblings, if that. Coverage remained sparse, and the unfamiliar names of the places of Slovenia brought a strong and the players had too many

Not until television carried the pictures of destruction did allied itself with Slovenia in the war become real, with the tube's pundits scrambling for explanations, going back to World War II or World War I or medieval times for some understanding of the viciousness

Even today, as American troops move into Bosnia, the in on secret meetings, and the events leading directly to the camera captures the high emoworst European war in half a century remain confusing, is a dramatically detailed look which is the reason for "Yu- at Balkan politics at its most goslavia: the Death of a Na- conspiratorial as well as a tion," which is being aired this demonstration of conscientious week in the United States on the documentary making. Discovery Channel.

ray of interviews with officials and politicians on all sides of a many-sided conflict and on often startling video coverage not

seen before in the United States, the cogent five-hour BBC documentary sorts out the personalities, the maneuverings and the emotions that swept an unhappy land to its current, still dangerous condition. The series has some of the ingredients of an Eric Amhler thriller. The opening hour begins in 1987, when Slobodan Milose-

vic, a Belgrade official, was sent to calm tensions in Kosovo, a mostly Albanian province with a restive Serb minority. By this account, Milosevic, a

Serb, quickly embraced the Serbian cause, joining demands the passions and ambitions they for an "ethnically pure" Koso- will leave behind whenever vo. It was as a champion of they depart.

Serbian oationalism -- "Serbia has arisen!" was the cry - that Milosevic, now Serbia's pres-

passions throughout the country. Support for the ethnic Alnians from the small republic reaction from Serbia.

Croatia, hated by Serbs for its fascist record in World War II, seeking more autonomy from Belgrade. The country that Marshal Tito had beld together was coming apart.

The political machinations are laid out by those who were tions at mass rallies. The result

The series moves on to the war between Serbia and Croatia, with its flash point in the Relying on a remarkable ar- Krajina region of Croatia, home to tens of thousands of Serbs. Milosevic and Croatia's president, Franjo Tudjman, give their perspectives, each allotting hlame to the other.

At a critical meeting of the Yugoslav State Council -held, astoundingly, in the eye of the camera — the key vote on whether to suspend the constitution and send troops to put down Croatia rested with the Bosnian representative. His refusal to go along with the Serbs

held portents for the future. The series may be received as an argument for sending international forces into Bosnia, but it also constitutes a warning of the tensions that threaten them while they are there and

## Hollywood and the Rehabilitation of Terry Gilliam

By Jill Gerston New York Times Service

BALTIMORE — Terry Gilliam, the irre-D pressible, iconoclastic director who prefers reading Dante to a Joe Eszterhas script and would rather be audited than do brunch in Bel Air, is back in action.

Four years since making his last film, the critically acclaimed "Fisher King," he has directed "12 Monkeys," a futuristic virus thriller starring Bruce Willis, Brad Pitt and Madeleine Stowe. The \$29 million movie was made for Universal Pictures, the same studio he fended with in 1985 over the delayed release of 'Brazil," his nightmarish Orwellian satire. Gilliam, who revels in his reputation as an anti-Hollywood maverick, was delighted by the irony of working for his old nemesis: "I keep

saying, 'What do you have to do to burn bridges in Hollywood?' I can't seem to do it.'

The new film is about a prisoner in 2035 who is sent back in time to 1996 in a risky experiment to discover the source of a plague that has wiped out most of the world's population. Written by David Peoples ("'Unforgiven'") and his wife, Janet, it was inspired by the 1962 French short "La Jetée" by Chris Marker.

The director, who is known for his grandiose visual style ("The Adventures of Baron Munchhausen," "Brazil"), wasn't deterred by a modest budget that prohibited lavish sets and special effects. In fact, the soaring, eerily fanciful set that was erected last spring in a vacant power plant outside Baltimore, was spectacular.

"You have to be more inventive when you don't have money," Gilliam said. On the set toward the end of filming, the director schmoozed with crew members and a bald, bruised Willis, who was clad in a straitjacket and strapped into a mechanical chair sus-

pended off the ground. Yet when everyone broke for lunch, Gilliam seemed deflated. The director confessed that his

cheery confidence on the set was only a ploy.

"It's my job to be Mr. Enthusiasm and fool everyone into believing it's all great fun, so they'll do better work," he grumbled. "I hate making movies.'

"O.K., I love it, but it's a miserable experience," he said. "It's frustrating. I get very irritated when it isn't clear to everybody else what we should be doing when it's clear to

Beneath his cowboy hat, Gilliam's moon face was haggard, there were dark pouches that I've never gotten a chance to do on screen. under his eyes, and his gray-streaked hair hung I had a ball."



Terry Gilliam, left, directing Brad Pitt and Bruce Willis in the movie "12 Monkeys."

limply about his shoulders. Still, his ricochet of words was punctuated by the well-known Gilliam giggle that gave the 55-year-old director the air of a mischievous little boy.

"Terry is the oldest living adolescent in the said Lynda Obst, a co-producer of

"The Fisher King."
Unlike some of his past films, in which the acting was overshadowed by visual pyrotechnics, "12 Monkeys" focuses on his stars' strong, offbeat performances. Willis plays the tormented time traveler; Pitt, a demented animal-rights advocate and Stowe, a psychiatrist who at first believes the time traveler is crazy and eventually comes to believe in him.

"Bruce's performance is very contained, very internalized; there's nothing flash about said Gilliam. "Brad is the mad comic relief of the film. And he doesn't look at all like the Brad Pitt of teenage girls' dreams, I always said I wanted Brad Pitt the actor and Bruce Willis the actor - not the superstars - in the film. And that's what I got."

"Terry is an actor's director who invites collaboration," Willis said. "I've done stuff

Shooting on location early this year at quirky sites in Philadelphia and Baltimore - a fortresslike 19th-century prison, a sand quarry, a Stanford White mansion - was fraught with problems. The weather was too mild for the snowy, blasted wasteland called for in the world

There were technical glitches with the fu-turistic mechanical props. And though movie scenes are commonly filmed out of order, keep-ing track of past and future sequences was a nightmare, and some scenes had to be reshot. To mwind. Gilliam went horseback riding, only to be thrown from his horse and nearly trampled.

Despite setbacks, however, the director said he had managed to stay within his budget and was only a week behind his shooting schedule. Hollywood tagged Gilliam, a former member of Monty Python, an extravagant, unpredictable artiste in 1989 when the budget of his epic fantasy, "The Adventures of Baron Munch-hausen," ballooned from \$23 million to nearly \$40 million. The production unraveled into such a tumultuous mess that he was nearly

dismissed. Reviews were mixed, and the film flopped at the box office. Before that brouhaha, there was the "Brazil"

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imbroglio with Universal. The studio refused to release the film unless it was re-edited and given a happier ending. Gilliam refused, and Brazil' languished. Angry and frustrated, the director and aciously took an ad in Variety ad-dressing the head of MCA, Universal's parent company: "Dear Sid Sheinberg. When are you going to release my film, 'Brazil'?"

Only when the Los Angeles Film Critics Association voted the film best picture and Gilliam

best director did Universal release the movie. This time, Gilliam described his experience on "12 Monkeys" as "the easiest go with a studio I've ever had" and conceded, "Amaz-

ingly, I have nothing to complain about."
Casey Silver, chairman of MCA Motion Picture Group and president of Universal Pictures,

was similarly sanguine.

"Brazil' predated my arrival at Universal. although obviously I was aware of that history," he said. "But we worked out an agreement so there wouldn't be a repeat of the Brazil episode. And I have to say that as a partner of the studio, Terry was a stand-up guy.
I'd work with him again."

According to the director, he had final cut, the last say over what the edited version of the film would look like. "That was part of the terms of engagement," he said, giggling. After shooting, he spent six months editing the film. The rehabilitation of Terry Gilliam began

with "The Fisher King." A profitable, main-stream movie that earned five Academy Award cominations goes a long way toward redeeming

a reputation. "The problem with 'The Fisher King' was that it was successful," Gilliam said. "It made me a commodity in Hollywood, even though I'd

spent years avoiding the place.
"So I figured, O.K., now I can get all these

interesting projects made. I had won the right to get their money. Instead, I got caught in development hell for four years." So, what made Gilliam decide to direct "12

Monkeys''? "The fact that no one let me make anything I wanted to do," he replied flatly. "Actually, what intrigued me was that it's not a main-

stream film even though it's peopled with mainstream stars. It's a much odder, artistic film than normally gets through the system." Gilliam is "one hit away from becoming phenomenally hot," Obst said.

'Terry wants success for his freedom, not his ego," she said. "He's a personal filmmaker, and there aren't many scripts that appeal to him. You don't go to Terry to do 'The Firm' or

#### **POSTCARD**

### Spirituality on the Road: The Gideons Are Not Alone Balloonist Steve Foscited "irreconcilable differences" with the company.

By Edwin McDowell New York Times Service

NEW YORK — It used to be that hotel guests could count on finding at least three things in their rooms: a bed, a bathroom and a Gideon Bible. These days the Bibles are even more oumerous, but they oo longer have the field to themselves.

In a growing oumber of hotels the Bible now keeps company with the Book of Mormon, the Teaching of Buddha and, in rarer cases, with Science and Health by the rounger of Christia Science, or The Way to Happiness, a publication of the Church of Scientology.

The Gideons - evangelical business and Bibles in hotel rooms for almost a century

— appear to have lost no missionary ardor.

Texas and Washington.

Meanwhile, the 150,000-strong Gideons

man. "But when they arrive they just shower and hurry down to gamble."

But many of the 160,000 hotel rooms in the International — founded by three traveling on an epic solo journey to be-

pliments of the Society for the Promotion of Buddhism, based in Tokyo.

While most hotels that carry the Teaching of Buddha cater heavily to Asian are equally free to read them or oot. the Ritz-Carlton in Pasadena, California, the 781 rooms of the California Hotel and Casino in downtown Las Vegas, the 1,206

WEATHER

Forecast for Thursday through Saturday, as provided by Accu-Weather.

Marriott chain - whose founder, J.W. Mar- salesmen in 1899 - has given away about riott, was a Mormon — carry the Book of 700 million copies of the King James or Mormon as well as the Bible. So does the Modern English versions of the Bible. Mormon-owned 95-room Inn at Temple Based in Nashville, Tempessee, the Square in Salt Lake City, whose small library also carries the Talmud and Koran.

Gideons say their Bibles have reached 170 countries in 76 languages. Occasional atary also carries the Talmud and Koran. countries in 76 languages. Occasional attempts to bar Bibles from hotel rooms, on also carry the Teaching of Buddha, com- grounds that they are offensive to some guests, have not gotten very far — because, hoteliers say, hotels are private businesses,

But spu permost in the mind of most guests at the for a voyage that should take 16 California Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, which has Bibles and the Teaching of Budprofessional men from various Christian rooms of the Fontainehleau Hilton in Mi- dha in every room. "Maybe guests evendenominations who have been putting ami and in hotels in New York, Colorado, tually read the books," said a hotel spokesman. "But when they arrive they just want to

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ties dealer, hopes to set out soon from Rapid City, South Dakota, come the first person to circumnavigate the globe by balloon. "We are waiting for the appropriate weather window to launch," said Timothy Kemper, assistant vice-president at Chicago's Loyola University and project manager for Fos-

sett, who this year became the first person to cross the Pacific Ocean alone in a balloon. Kemper said Fossett could launch by the end of the year or s

Ray Mercer, a former heavyweight boxing champion and winner of a gold medal at the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, has been charged with assaulting his girlfriend. Mercer, 34, was jailed on a misdemeanor charge of hitting Kim Melvin, 25, in the head after police were called to the home they share. She was treated by emergency workers. Mercer was ordered to stay in jail for 48 hours, pending

Don't ask where disgraced Olympic skater Tonya Harding is honeymooning. "Do you think I'm stupid." the skater responded when asked where she and Michael Smith, a 29year-old machinist who is marrying for the fourth time, would spend their holiday after marriage aboard a yacht last weekend on a river in Portland, Oregon, "I'm very happy, and I hope to keep it that way," Harding said.

He's called the Artist Formerly Known as Prince, but he appears also to want to be called the Man Who Formerly the year-end edition of "TV "Trash," and "Heat" are be-Recorded Under the Warner Guide." Hewitt added, "I ing shown in a month-long fes-Brothers Label. The pop star don't have any openings, tival at New York's Film Fo- fuss shipped six boxes of toys.

"The unstable and ever-changing management structure [at Warner] has made it impossible for the company to effectively market and promote its flagship artists," he said.

An Iraqi, two Egyptians, a Jordanian and a Kuwaiti have been named winners of the Arab world's largest prize for writers and intellectuals. Awards of \$100,000 each were given to the Iraqi poet Abdelauthor Edward al-Kharrat. the Jordanian literary critic Nasser .Eddin al-Assad, the Egyptian social scientist Awatef Abderrahman and the Kuwaiti social scientist Mohammed Ghanem al-Ramihi.

The prize, named after the Gulf businessman Sultan ibn Ali Al-Owais. is awarded every

two years to innovative thinkers in the Arab cultural world.

Sophia Loren was right at home playing for laughs in "Grumpier Old Men." The actress tells McCall's that she "likes to laugh and make peo-ple laugh." Loren, 61, plays a restaurateur who sets up shop in small Midwestern town, while Walter Matthau and Jack Lemmon get miffed be-cause her establishment will replace two of their favorite hang-

outs. "I think there is too much

technology in today's films -

too many tricks, too many

weapons.

take a job on CBS's "60 Minutes" two years ago, producer Don Hewitt says. "It came down to the wire with Peter Hewitt said in Jennings."



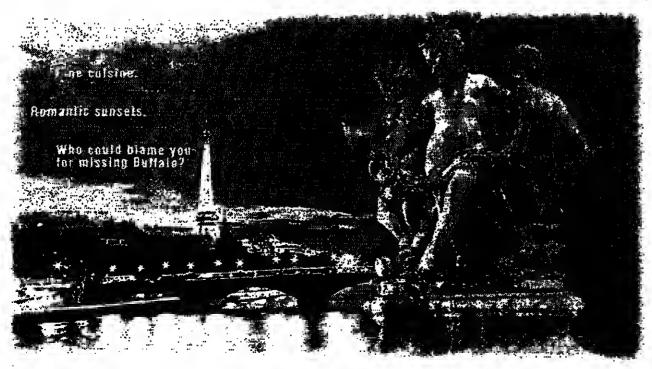
**OUTING IN THE OUTBACK — British Labor Party** leader Tony Blair and wife Cherie on a visit to Australia.

country and western star, returned home from Christmas tuned into a show on MTV the Eve church services, he found other day that was all about firefighters mopping up a fire young people discussing their that filled his house with sex lives," he said. "It was so smoke. A policeman in the sordid. Really nasty." singer's neighborhood in Cor-Peter Jennings nearly aban-doned his ABC anchor spot to smoke and alerted firefighters. who saved the house.

> Paul Morrissey, whose lms such as "Flesh," films such as "Flesh," fuss as a personal assistant, told "Trash," and "Heat" are be- him that the program was uti-

> but I'd make room for him." rum, long portrayed the exotic underworld popularized by Andy Warhol. But today's When Freddy Fender, the generation seems a bit too hizarre even for Morrissey.

> > Richard Dreyfuss came to the rescue of a program for lo-cal needy children run by Sandy Berg of Driggs, Idaho. Her sister, who works for Dreyderfunded this year and Drey-



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